



## **Lab Manager/Lecturer (TV-L 13, 80-100%) - Sustainability in Agri-Food Systems (f/m/d)**

The University of Hohenheim's Department for Sustainable Use of Natural Resources is seeking a dedicated and experienced Lab Manager/Lecturer to join our dynamic team. Our work aims to apply sustainability science to the agri-food system, striving to contribute to the development of innovative solutions for a more sustainable future. As a Lab Manager/Lecturer, you will play a crucial role in supporting our cutting-edge research and ensuring the smooth operation of our work, as well as contribute to the diverse teaching portfolio of our department.

Our department focuses on understanding and improving the ways we produce, distribute, and consume food to create a more just and sustainable agri-food system. We are not only interested in the question of what sustainability means in the agri-food system but also in how we can transform the agri-food sector towards sustainability. We strive for **our research** to be as actionable and societally relevant as possible. This includes projects like Agroecology4Climate and Bright Spots, which explore the relationships between food production, ecosystems, and societal well-being. We use innovative participatory, qualitative and quantitative methods in our research and we work across disciplines like geography, land system sciences, sustainability sciences, agricultural sciences, ecology and sociology.

In **our teaching** we are committed to fostering a learning environment that empowers students to become transformational sustainability leaders. Our teaching philosophy emphasizes developing critical thinking skills, navigating complex systems, and developing sustainability competencies. We aim to spark a desire in every student to contribute to a more sustainable society, preparing them to pose the right questions, rigorously analyze problems, and draw appropriate conclusions from the evidence provided, as well as learning how to contribute to the complex negotiations.

This position offers a unique opportunity to work alongside a diverse and dynamic team of academic change-makers, contribute to impactful research projects, as well as teach future change-makers and thereby drive advancements in sustainable practices within the agri-food system. If you are passionate about sustainability and have a strong background in research coordination and teaching, we invite you to apply and become a part of our team.

The **role of the Lab Manager/Lecturer** will be to coordinate the management of the department together with the department head, support inter- and transdisciplinary research processes across the various research projects of the department, as well as contribute to teaching within the teaching portfolio of the department.

**Your tasks:**

- Support the management and coordination of research, teaching, outreach and other activities in the department.
- Support project administration and budget management.
- Coordinate and monitor effective processes for community and stakeholder engagement (in close collaboration with project researchers).
- Develop, implement and monitor systems for data management across the department (storage, collection, cleaning, analysis).
- Onboard and train new team members.
- Contribute to outreach and science communication.
- Contribute to coordination and teaching of existing courses, and to design, development, coordination and teaching of new courses of the department (equivalent to a teaching load of 4 SWS).
- Supervise HiWi research assistants as well as BSc and MSc theses.

**Your profile:**

- A MSc or (preferably) PhD in sustainability sciences, geography, interdisciplinary environmental sciences, agricultural sciences or related field. Other relevant experience will also be considered.
- Strong interest in sustainability issues as they pertain to the agri-food system.
- Good understanding of agri-food and/or socio-environmental systems.
- Passionate teacher with experience teaching and coordinating university-level courses on sustainability and agri-food system topics.
- German and English language fluency and excellent communication skills in both languages.
- Experience with interdisciplinary research methods.
- Data management and stewardship experience.
- Project management experience (including budget management), and familiarity with administrative processes at German universities.
- Confident handling of MS Office (especially MS Word, MS Excel, MS Teams/Sharepoint) and other relevant software.
- Strong collaborative skills and interest in working with an interdisciplinary and international team.
- Commitment to contribute to a positive work environment and group learning processes.
- Strong organizational skills and ability to work independently.

**Desirable:**

- Experience with transdisciplinary and participatory processes
- Knowledge of software like MaxQDA, R, QGIS and similar. Strong data science skills would be an asset.
- Experience supervising junior researchers and mentoring students.

**We offer you:**

- Opportunity to work in an exciting solutions-oriented team that aims to contribute new societally relevant knowledge to support sustainability transformations.
- Opportunity to gain insights into current research topics and innovative research methods in the field of sustainable agriculture and food systems.
- A pleasant, highly collaborative and inclusive working atmosphere.
- Flexible working time in consultation with the team.
- Support in reconciling work and family life.
- Remuneration according to the collective agreement of the federal states (TV-L) 13 (including special annual payment).

**The position is available from now on a full-time basis (80-100%). It is initially limited to 2 years with the possibility of extension.**

**More about the department:** <https://sustainability.uni-hohenheim.de/en>

For international candidates, the University of Hohenheim offers support with the logistics of relocating to Germany (<https://www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/welcome-center>). Disabled persons will be given preference if equally qualified. The University of Hohenheim aims to increase the number of female scientists, thus applications from women are particularly welcome.

We look forward to receiving your application!

**Application:** Please enclose the following documents with your application: short letter of motivation, curriculum vitae (CV), current transcripts and degree certificates as well as contact information of 2 professional references. Applications need to be submitted through the University of Hohenheim application portal (see link [here](#)).

**Application deadline:** application reviews will start June 30, 2024 and applications close July 14, 2024.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us: Jun.-Prof. Dr. Verena Seufert, [verena.seufert@uni-hohenheim.de](mailto:verena.seufert@uni-hohenheim.de)