

The **Laimburg Research Centre** is the leading research institute for agriculture and food quality in South Tyrol (Italy). We operate mainly in applied research with the aim of increasing the competitiveness and sustainability of South Tyrolean agriculture and of ensuring the quality of agricultural products.

For the research project INSTINCT "Sustainable management of key insects for South Tyrolean agriculture with intelligent sensor systems and low-impact intervention techniques" (funded by the European Regional Development Fund 2021-2027, Project EFRE1026 – CUP H33C23002630007), the working group "Biological Plant Protection Methods" of the Laimburg Research Centre is looking for:

1 scientific collaborator (f/m)

Code IN.24-BPS-02.1

Job Description

The areas of responsibility are as follows:

Rearing of insects (*Drosophila suzukii*, *D. melanogaster*, *Cydia pomonella*) for experimental purposes; laboratory tests on the behavior of insects to determine volatile substances that act as attractants for *D. suzukii*; laboratory trials to train specific sensors to develop an automatic insect detection system and to develop an automatic insect infestation monitoring system; field validation of the developed monitoring systems and field efficacy trials with low-impact intervention techniques.

Requirements

- completed university studies of at least four years attested by a diploma in biology, agricultural sciences, natural science or similar (MSc);
- knowledge of Italian or German (will be evaluated during the interview).

Desired additional competences constituting evaluation criteria:

- experience in the field of Entomology, Plant protection and Chemical ecology
- PhD, Post-Doc experience or relevant work experience (description in CV)
- publication record with particular focus on Plant protection
- knowledge of data processing and data analysis
- good knowledge of English language - can be evaluated during the interview
- good organizational and communication skills
- availability to start preferably within April 2024
- high motivation, capacity to work independently, good team-working skills

Workplace: Laimburg Research Centre in Vadena (BZ)

Contract duration: full time / part time, 33 months

Applications must arrive by and not later than February 19th, 2024 – 12.00 a.m.

Additional information

We look forward to receiving **your application including:**

- letter of motivation
- Curriculum Vitae (hand signed and not older than 6 months)
- copy of a valid identity card
- letter(s) of recommendation
- publication list.



Please quote the title of the relevant reference code of the position, indicate the earliest date you could start if appointed and send your application **by e-mail** to human.resources@laimburg.it.

Attention: *please be sure that the submitted documents do not contain data belonging to the special categories of personal data as referred to in art. 9 of the General Data Protection Regulation N. 679/2016 (for example data concerning health, data revealing religious beliefs).*

Your application **must always include a copy of a valid identity ID.**

Please note: If the Curriculum Vitae (signed and not older than 6 months, please indicate the date) and a valid ID are not submitted **within the application deadline** stated above, the application cannot be taken into consideration.

This is a full-time or part-time position at Laimburg Research Centre. The start of work is preferably planned within April 2024 at the latest; if the start of work takes place later, the duration of the employment contract will be determined based on the duration of the project.

The regular place of work will be the Laimburg Research Centre in Vadena (BZ). Classification is based on the category "employee" according to the Agricultural collective agreement. The contract may be renewed if at that time the project will be renewed and/or funds will still be available, within the limits of the legal provisions at that time.

The general rules for temporary jobs at the Laimburg Research Centre are described in the framework call, available at <http://www.laimburg.it/de/ueber-uns/personal2.asp> (DE) and <http://www.laimburg.it/it/chi-siamo/personale.asp> (IT).

A written skills assessment can also be carried out as part of the interview.

A ranking list will be published at the end of the selection procedure. The name of the candidates will be replaced by an identification code, which will be sent to the candidates as part of their application.

General requirements for admission to the proceedings:

- full possession of the political and civil rights
- full possession of the legal conditions and permits allowing an employment relationship in Italy
- no criminal convictions or legal proceedings for criminal offences, which are incompatible with employment at the Laimburg Research Centre.

For more information, please visit our homepage www.laimburg.it or contact us by mail: **Silvia Schmidt** n. +39 0471 969618.

Equal opportunities and protected categories: According to Law n. 903, 9/12/1977, art. 1, the position is open to both genders. The policy and practice of Laimburg Research Centre require that all staff are offered equal opportunities within employment. The procedure is published in accordance with the provisions of Law No 68 of 12 March 1999, as subsequently amended (Rules on the right to work of the disabled and other protected categories).

Data treatment: The subject responsible for data treatment is Laimburg Research Centre, which will process the data through computer and paper-based systems for the purposes of recruitment. The data protection officer of Laimburg Research Centre can be contacted by e-mail Privacy@laimburg.it. At the beginning of the procedure, personal data are processed exclusively by the staff authorized by Laimburg Research Centre. Information are available on the website of Laimburg Research Centre, section "Transparent Administration / human resources" ([https://www.laimburg.it/downloads/Informativa_procedura_di_selezione_Information_definitiva\(1\).pdf](https://www.laimburg.it/downloads/Informativa_procedura_di_selezione_Information_definitiva(1).pdf)).