

Applied Sciences for Life – with this principle in mind, Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences offers a unique range of courses covering the entire spectrum of natural resources. With over 6,100 students at three sites (Freising, Triesdorf and Straubing), it is one of Europe's leading green universities.

The International Office at the HSWT International School, Triesdorf campus, is currently recruiting for the following full-time position:

**Knowledge/Technology Transfer and Innovation Expert
in African Agribusiness
Reference M501**

This position has a fixed contract until 30/09/2023.

Your tasks:

- Support partner institutions (universities) with establishing structures for knowledge transfer and innovation in agribusiness
- Create and hold events/workshops for training staff in innovation promotion at partner institutions in Africa
- Create and hold seminars for lecturers on holistic innovation management at African partner institutions
- Provide advice and coaching for innovative ideas and start-ups in terms of reflection on ideas, business model development, business plan creation and financing options
- Collaborate with a variety of stakeholders and partner universities to build up teaching capacities and develop teaching materials
- Develop innovation strategies, plans and projects together with partner universities, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and/or industry
- Administrative duties in project management and reporting
- Trips to Africa
- Please click on the following link for further information on the 'Technology and Transfer Pact (TAP)': <https://www.hswt.de/en/international/network-africa/technology-and-transfer-pact.html>

Your profile:

As a committed team player with excellent communication skills, you enjoy working in a dynamic environment and stay focused even in turbulent situations. You have a confident, trustworthy demeanour, and analytical and strategic thinking skills are your trademark. You also have a strong interest in agriculture, food production and/or renewable energy, market trends and new business models and are very willing to learn. You will also impress us with your knowledge of innovation management and the associated methods and tools, as well as your knowledge of governmental and social institutions and interest groups in Africa. Ideally, you have several years (at least three) of professional business experience in developing capacities for multi-stakeholder collaboration with partners in African countries (preferably on an international basis).

As you will be an ambassador for our university, you not only enjoy interacting with other people, but you also have the right amount of self-confidence and persuasiveness. In addition, you have a track record in project management and the associated methods and tools as well as proven skills in working with participatory and creative learning methods, which you have acquired during your career or by taking relevant courses in your degree.

Commitment, willingness to travel and flexibility will be part of your everyday working life. To top off your profile, fluency in business English and German are essential due to the global nature of the role.

Qualification requirements:

You must have a scientific university or master's degree in Agricultural Sciences, Agricultural Engineering, Natural Sciences or in an equivalent subject.

We are offering:

- A workplace at Germany's largest green campus
- Payment according to the public-sector collective wage agreement for the German federal states (Tarifvertrag für den öffentlichen Dienst der Länder – TV-L)
- A modern higher education environment with innovative technical, agricultural and engineering degree programmes
- An exciting, varied, responsible field of work
- A friendly working atmosphere and a range of exchange opportunities
- Continuing training and education opportunities
- Social benefits according to the provisions of the public-sector collective wage agreement for the German federal states (Tarifvertrag für den öffentlichen Dienst der Länder – TV-L), in particular a supplementary pension and annual bonuses
- Other attractive benefits such as savings schemes
- A growing range of official health management opportunities
- A family-friendly workplace with flexible working hours and options to work from home

Please note:

The position is to be filled as soon as possible. Pay will be according to collective wage agreements, up to wage group 13 of the TV-L where the personal requirements are met. It may be possible to hold the position on a part-time basis depending on the needs of the employer.

Preference will be given to disabled applicants if their abilities, aptitude and professional performance are equal to those of other candidates. Applications from women are particularly welcomed.

Do you want to join our team?

If you meet the requirements, we look forward to receiving your application via the online form below. Your application should include a cover letter, CV in the form of a table, professional and academic qualifications and employers' references. Please note that we only recruit candidates on the basis of their suitability, performance and aptitude; therefore, we can only consider your application if you provide us with evidence of these.

We can only consider foreign professional qualifications if you can provide proof of their equivalence. You can find the point of contact responsible for this via the www.anererkennung-in-deutschland.de portal.

All applications must be submitted by clicking on 'Apply for this job' ([online form](#)) by no later than **15/06/2021**. Applications sent by post or email will not be considered.

If you require further information, please contact:

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