

The Alexander von Humboldt Professorship in Environmental Economics at the Institute of Environmental Systems Research at the University of Osnabrück has an opening as of **April 1, 2019**, for a

**Junior Researcher  
(salary scale 13 TV-L, 50%)**

The position is initially for one year (ends March 31, 2020). A third-party grant proposal which would provide funding for an additional two years has been submitted.

**Description of responsibilities:**

- Research on the theme ‚Sustainable consumption decisions in the context of telecoupling‘. This includes the development, conduction and analysis of economic experiments for the understanding of consumption decisions, based on the example of cocoa/chocolate. An essential aspect will be an analysis on whether and how the use of virtual reality (3D) videos can contribute to a stronger consideration of social and ecological impacts in areas of cocoa production and to thereby motivate more sustainable consumption decisions.
- Embedding in an interdisciplinary project on the theme of “Sustainable Value Chains and Consumer Decisions – Analyzing the Effects of Governance and Product Biographies using the Example of Cocoa” is planned.

It is possible and encouraged to use the academic article(s) produced as part of the project as component(s) of a cumulative PhD thesis. The Professorship of Environmental Economics will provide support in securing funding for two further years (a corresponding grant proposal has already been submitted).

**Required qualifications:**

- Master in economics, with a focus in environmental economics, behavioral economics or experimental economics, or a related subject,
- very good English language skills,
- experience with and/or interest in the virtual reality technology,
- ability to work both independently and as part of a team.

**Desirable qualifications:**

- prior knowledge of behavioral economics,
- experience in economic experiments,
- interest in interdisciplinary cooperation.

**We offer:**

- as part of the Alexander von Humboldt-Professorship of Environmental Economics, an excellent scientific environment, a dynamic international team and the opportunity for exchange in international networks,
- an interdisciplinary research environment on policy-relevant environmental themes at the Institute of Environmental Systems Research,

- the possibility to conduct a PhD at the Professorship of Environmental Economics,
- support in applying for complementary funding for a 2-year extension, in case that the already submitted grant proposal does not succeed.

Osnabrück University has been certified as a family-friendly university committed to helping working/studying parents and carers balance their family and work life.

The university aspires to ensure equal opportunities for men and women and strives to work towards a gender balance in schools or departments where new appointments are made.

If equally qualified candidates apply, preference will be given to those with special needs.

**Applications:**

Applications including a letter of motivation, CV, three letters of recommendation, and degree certificates of university studies should be sent as PDF documents by e-mail to Ms. Eva-Maria Tolzmann ([etolzman@uni-osnabrueck.de](mailto:etolzman@uni-osnabrueck.de)) by February 7, 2019.

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