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The Botanical Garden of the Ruhr-University Bochum is among Germany's largest botanical gardens and part of one of the leading research universities in the country. We are currently offering the exciting position of a permanent full-time (100% = 39,83 hrs/w)

Senior Horticulturist ("Gärtnermeister")
specialised in ornamental plants

Job requirements:

The successful applicant will have:

- "Gärtnermeister"-certificate or equivalent qualification that entitles the applicant to train and supervise apprentice gardeners specialising in ornamental plants ("Ausbildereignungsprüfung Fachrichtung Zierpflanzenbau")
- an excellent knowledge of plants
- excellent leadership and communication skills
- several years of experience as Senior Horticulturist, preferably in a botanical garden environment
- management experience
- sound knowledge about the propagation and cultivation of tropical and subtropical plants, especially succulent, epiphytes and aquatic plants
- IT skills, especially managing a living collections database (we use Iris BG at Bochum University)
- willingness to further own professional skills and knowledge
- willingness to do weekend duties
- a permit to use pesticides ("Sachkundenachweis Pflanzenschutz" - more info at <https://www.landwirtschaftskammer.de/landwirtschaft/pflanzenschutz/sachkunde/sachkundenachweis.htm>)
- experience in biological pest control (desirable)
- good knowledge of English and willingness to learn German is the minimum essential for foreign applicants

What this role entails:

The successful applicant will:

- be in charge of the technical and horticultural management of our entire glass house complex (4.500 sqm under glass)
- lead and organise a team of 16 staff, including apprentices
- carry out Health & Safety training of staff
- provide plant material for education and research
- participate in the PR work of the Botanic Garden (e.g. guided tours, exhibitions)
- plan and implement new botanical displays

We offer...

a dream job for any experienced enthusiastic gardener who loves exotic plants and wants to join a young dynamic team of specialist horticulturists in one of Germany's largest botanical gardens. This exciting and diverse full-time permanent job comes with an excellent salary and a fantastic range of benefits. The salary is based on the wage agreement (Tarifvertrag TV-L). Depending on the personal skills and qualifications of the successful applicant, entry level is up to Band 9 TV-L. In Germany, taxation very much depends on personal circumstances (single or married, children etc.) and individual net pay can be checked on <http://oeffentlicher-dienst.info/tv-l/allg/>.

If you are interested...

we are looking forward to your detailed application. For further information and to send (via post or email) your documents by 30 December 2019 contact either Dr. Wolfgang Stuppy (Curator, wolfgang.stuppy@rub.de) or Marilies To-Sanguan (Technical Head, marilies.to-sanguan@rub.de), Botanical Garden of the Ruhr-University Bochum, Universitätsstraße 150, D-44801 Bochum. Since we will not be able to return your application documents, please only submit copies of official certificates. Travel costs to attend the interview will not be reimbursed. At the Ruhr-University Bochum we aim to further women's careers in areas where they are underrepresented. Therefore, we particularly welcome female applicants. We also welcome applications of suitable applicants with disabilities.