



The Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL is part of the ETH Domain. Approximately 600 people work on the sustainable use and protection of the environment and on the handling of natural hazards.

WSL invites for applications for the position as

### **Group Leader Soil Functions and Soil Protection 80-100% (f/m/d)**

You will scientifically and strategically lead and manage a group engaged in soil function research with a strong focus on forest soils and a special emphasis on water and nutrient supply to plants as affected by climatic changes and forest management. This comprises a broad spectrum from basic research into soil-plant-atmosphere interactions over applied questions in soil inventories, soil function mapping, and soil protection during tree harvesting. As a distinguished soil scientist, you will lead your own research projects including acquisition of third-party funding, supervision of junior staff such as postdocs and Ph.D. students and communicating your results to the scientific community. To this end, you interact closely with your colleagues across WSL in the fields of forest ecology and management, biodiversity, landscape science and natural hazards. As the new WSL strategy emphasizes the importance of transdisciplinary research, we expect you to engage with key stakeholders in your field in order to provide solutions for the management of Swiss forests. Additionally, you may be involved in teaching at ETH and/or universities.

You hold a PhD Degree and have built a successful scientific career in the field of soil science. You have a strong record as a Principal Investigator of larger research projects, an outstanding publication portfolio, and a well-established international and national research and stakeholder network. You possess excellent leadership and communication skills to lead a mixed team of scientific and technical staff. Fluency in English and proficiency in at least one Swiss national language is required.

Please send your complete application to Stefania Pe, Human Resources WSL, by uploading the requested documents through our webpage. Applications via email will not be considered. Thomas Wohlgemuth, phone +41 (0)44 739 23 17, will be happy to answer any questions or offer further information. WSL is committed to diversity and inclusion as core values. We actively promote gender equality and foster an open, inclusive work environment.

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