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Luogo di lavoro	GERMANIA
Profilo ricercato	PhD Position – Mathematical Modelling of the Soil-Root-Mycorrhiza System (m/f/d)
Requisiti	<p>https://www.jobvector.de/jobs/ingenieur?sort=dateStart&pn=1&jobId=211497&filter=202</p> <p>Conducting research for a changing society: This is what drives us at Forschungszentrum Jülich. As a member of the Helmholtz Association, we aim to tackle the grand societal challenges of our time and conduct research into the possibilities of a digitized society, a climate-friendly energy system, and a resource-efficient economy. Work together with around 7,400 employees in one of Europe’s biggest research centers and help us to shape change!</p> <p>At the Institute of Bio- and Geosciences - Agrosphere (IBG-3), we conduct research to improve our understanding of biogeochemical and hydrological processes in terrestrial systems. Specific studies focus on environmental controls on biogeochemical cycling of elements, the analysis of exchange processes and nutrient dynamics in the soil-plant-atmosphere continuum. A combination of experiments, modelling, and innovative observation technologies is used to bridge the gap between model, process, and management scale. Its research contributes to the sustainable and resource-conserving use of soils and water and to the quantification of the effect of climate and land use change on terrestrial ecosystems.</p> <p>Activities and responsibilities This work will be part of the DFG project “Texture Dependency of Arbuscular Mycorrhiza Induced Plant Drought Tolerance (TeAM-uP)” in collaboration with the Leibniz Institute of Vegetable and Ornamental Crops, the University of Bayreuth, the Technical University of Munich, and the Czech</p>



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Academy of Sciences. The TeAM-uP project will investigate the effects of arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi (AMF) on soil and rhizosphere hydraulic properties and its consequences for host plant water and nutrient uptake as well as carbon flows under drought conditions.

You will be responsible for extending the functional-structural plant model CPlantBox to include mycorrhization, growth of extraradical hyphae in soil, and water flow and nutrient transfer in the soil-plant-mycorrhiza system. Model parameterization and evaluation will be based on the experimental data from this project. Your tasks in detail:

Implementing a model of root architecture, AMF infection, and hyphal growth through soil within the CPlantBox modelling framework

Parameterization of this model based on experimental data

Performing in silico experiments to understand and disentangle the joint effect of root system development and AMF and their effects on soil hydraulic properties and on root water and nutrient uptake

Using the model to quantify the carbon investment into AMF and the related water and nutrient uptake efficiencies

Presenting and publishing results at national and international conferences and peer reviewed journals

Qualification profile

Master's degree in bioengineering, environmental sciences, or applied mathematics

Knowledge of plant and soil sciences

Mathematical modelling skills

Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively in an international, interdisciplinary team across institutes

Very good communication and organizational skills

Very good command of the English language

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Attendance at national and international conferences and workshops
Possibility for further scientific and technical training through international experts
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Further development of your personal strengths, e.g. through an extensive range of training courses; a structured program of continuing education and networking opportunities specifically for doctoral researchers via JuDocS, the Jülich Center for Doctoral Researchers and Supervisors: <https://www.fz-juelich.de/en/judocs>
Targeted services for international employees, e.g. through our International Advisory Service
In addition to exciting tasks and a collaborative working atmosphere at Jülich, we have a lot more to offer: <https://go.fzj.de/benefits>.

The position is for a fixed term of three years. Pay will be in line with 75% of pay group 13 of the Collective Agreement for the Public Service (TVöD-Bund) and additionally 60% of a monthly salary as special payment (“Christmas bonus”). Further information on doctoral degrees at Forschungszentrum Jülich, including our other locations, is available at https://www.fz-juelich.de/gp/Careers_Docs.

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	potential, is important to us. working time models to reconcile work and family life.
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Scadenza	The job will be advertised until the position has been successfully filled