

Job posting ref. #01-21054

For over 200 years the Senckenberg Gesellschaft für Naturforschung represents one of the most relevant institutions investigating nature and its diversity. Currently, scientists from more than 40 countries conduct research in the fields of biodiversity, earth system analysis and climate change in seven Senckenberg Institutes across Germany.

Following its mission to analyze and document biodiversity in earth system dynamics – to serve science and society, Senckenberg fosters curiosity-driven and application-oriented research. In Senckenberg at Frankfurt we seek to fill the position of a

Team Leader / Taxonomist (SOSA) (m/f/d)
(full time)

The Senckenberg Ocean Species Alliance (SOSA) project combines marine biodiversity research, species conservation, and science communication within one project. This interdisciplinary project is composed of three pillars, the Discovery Unit, Red Listing Unit and the Engagement Unit, whose tasks are tightly interlinked. The Discovery Unit will apply a new model for biodiversity work by providing taxonomic services to users inside and outside of Senckenberg. <http://sosa.senckenberg.de>.

You have a passion for taxonomy and a genuine curiosity and interest in nature, especially the oceans and their inhabitants? You are reliable, trustworthy, tolerant and flexible? You have a good ability to work independently, also under pressure and to set boundaries? If you have technical competence and a strong drive to stay current in modern techniques in taxonomy are assets and you have a talent for self-management and representative competencies, you are exactly who we are looking for.

Your tasks:

- Lead a team of three technicians supporting taxonomic descriptions for external clients
- Be part of the SOSA management committee and have shared responsibility for the overall success
- Serve as the creative force for the Discovery Team, pushing the cutting edge of taxonomic practice, and interface with scientists using the SOSA services
- Primary contact for client communication, Represent SOSA externally at scientific meetings and recruiting new clients
- Project management, report and documentation
- Assist in recruitment, training, performance evaluation, promotion and termination activities as in supervision of undergraduate and graduate students, volunteers, interns, part-time employees, and visiting scientists
- Write and contribute to taxonomy-related research grant proposals
- Contribute to your own and/ or collaborative publications related to SOSA objectives
- Work with other units of SOSA (conservation, public outreach), museum and external communications channels, including social media platforms, to provide public outreach

Your profile:

- Extensive experience in integrative alpha taxonomy and expertise in at least one group of marine invertebrates with relevant publication record
- Effective leadership and team management skills, strong interpersonal skills, excellent communication skills
- Excellent English skills, spoken and written, knowledge of German language (not strictly required)
- Passion for orderly and complete documentation and detail
- Excellent time and project management skills
- Creating long- and short-term plans, including setting targets for milestones and adhering to deadlines
- Detailed knowledge of research-funding procedures, international research experience
- Knowledge of and experience with molecular methods (e.g. DNA barcoding) and science communication (not strictly required)
- Detailed knowledge of microscopy and morphological imaging techniques (e.g., SEM, μ CT, cLSM) and image processing methods

What can you expect?

- An interesting and challenging task in a dynamic and stimulating team of researchers, technicians and communicators in the diverse SOSA project team
- The opportunity to be at the forefront of a new movement with scientists, conservationists and science communicators dedicated to explore, protect and inspire awe for ocean biodiversity
- Excellent benefits and work/ life balance: Flexible working hours – dual career service - leave of absence due to family reasons – parent-child-office – annual bonus payment – company pension scheme – Senckenberg badge for free entry in museums in Frankfurt – leave of 30 days/year

The contract should start ideally as soon as possible after March 2022.

Senckenberg supports equal opportunity for men and women and places an emphasis on fostering career opportunities for women and under-represented groups. Qualified women and other under-represented groups are strongly encouraged to apply. Equally qualified applicants with disabilities will be given preference. This job is based at Frankfurt am Main, a vibrant global city, providing excellent collaboration facilities with several universities and institutions like Max Planck.

Senckenberg is a globally connected institute. The working language within this project is English. Frankfurt is a vibrant, international, culturally diverse city and one of the world's travel hubs. We welcome candidates from all nations and support with your relocation process.

Location:	Frankfurt am Main
Volume of employment:	100% full time position (40 weekly working hours)
Type of contract:	Employment shall start as soon as possible after March 2022 and will be initially limited to a 2-year fixed-term contract; an extension to the end of the project, 31 December 2031 is intended

Would you like to apply?

Please submit two documents as email attachments:

- (1) download and complete the information form **for this position** from <http://sosa.senckenberg.de>. This form will be considered **anonymously** and will be used for the initial short-listing process.
- (2) a single pdf including a cover letter and your CV, including names and contact details of three professional references. The one-page cover letter should address your fit to the advertised position as described above. **Use the code created for the form for “blind review” also in the cover letter and in the file name.**
- (3) Please submit two files (see above), mentioning the reference of this job offer (**ref. #01-21054**) before **27 February 2022** by e-mail to : recruiting@senckenberg.de

For more information, please see <http://sosa.senckenberg.de> or contact the SOSA Co-Chairs: Dr. Torben Riehl and Prof. Dr Julia Sigwart (torben.riehl@senckenberg.de, julia.sigwart@senckenberg.de).

