The Faculty of Business Administration and Economics offers a full-time research position (postdoc) starting as soon as possible (E13 TV-L, non-permanent position)

Your Tasks
The Statistics & Data Analysis Group within the Department of Business Administration and Economics at Bielefeld University has an opening for a postdoc position (100 % for 3 years) starting as soon as possible. The position is part-funded by the collaborative research centre (CRC) SFB/TRR 212, “A Novel Synthesis of Individualisation across Behaviour, Ecology and Evolution: Niche Choice, Niche Conformance, Niche Construction (NC3)”.

The successful candidate will work at the interface of statistics and ecology, and will be actively involved in the activities of the CRC. In particular, the successful candidate will help to develop novel statistical methods for making biological inference on niche choices from behavioural time series data. More specifically, this project will focus on extensions of Hidden Markov models to deal with individual heterogeneity commonly found across individuals within the same species. Corresponding models that accommodate such heterogeneity are computationally challenging, and the research to be conducted will primarily focus on ways to make inference within these models computationally more tractable (50 %).

Furthermore the successful candidate will conduct some of the real-data analyses of empirical projects conducted within the CRC. These applied projects will comprise analyses of animal movement data collected within the CRC, ranging from insects monitored with video tracking to sea lions tracked using GPS and accelerometry (35 %).

The successful candidate will also be involved in statistics-related teaching and administrative activities within the Department of Business Administration and Economics (15 %).

Your Profile
We expect
- university degree or equivalent in statistics, mathematics, biology or in another relevant field
- completed PhD degree in statistics or a related field, or alternatively in biology/ecology provided a proven track record in statistical method development
- good knowledge of statistical software (e.g., R)
- ability to work independently and as part of a team
- very good English language skills (oral and written)

Preferable qualifications
- experience in interdisciplinary research
- familiarity with Bayesian inference

Remuneration
Salary will be paid according to Remuneration level 13 of the Wages Agreement for Public Service in the Federal States (TV-L). As stipulated in § 2 (1) sentences 2 of the WissZeitVG (fixed-term employment), the contract will end on December 31st, 2021. In accordance with the provisions of the WissZeitVG and the Agreement on Satisfactory Conditions of Employment, the length of contract may differ in individual cases. In principle, the full-time position may be changed into part-time position, as long as this does not conflict with official requirements.

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Application Procedure
For full consideration, your application should be received via either post or email (a single PDF document) sent to roland.langrock@uni-bielefeld.de by the 22nd of November 2018. Please mark your application with the identification code wiss18282. Please do not use application portfolios and send only photocopies of original documents because all application materials will be destroyed at the end of the selection procedure. Further information about Bielefeld University can be found on our homepage at www.uni-bielefeld.de.

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