

Vacancy for a full-time academic position in the field of “Agroeconomy of Sectors and Development”

Start date: 1 September 2021

Description of the workload:

A full-time, indivisible position in the field of **Agroeconomy of Sectors and Development**, within the Teaching Department of the Faculty of Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech. This post includes teaching, research and services to the Community.

Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech (GxABT) is firmly committed to training and research in the use of living resources and their potential for food and non-food needs, the well-being and health of human populations.

GxABT is organised into a Department (Agro-Bio Tech) responsible for teaching, and a Research Unit (TERRA).

GxABT organises four bioengineering Master’s programmes and co-organises a Master’s in Landscape Architecture, a Master’s in Agroecology and a Master’s in Food Innovation and Design Management. It is also involved at various levels in the organisation of several other Master’s programmes and university certificates.

Research at GxABT is organised around two major cross-cutting areas that aim to characterise the environment and develop bioproducts in relation to sustainable production systems in order to meet societal expectations, while generating the innovation required by society and the bio-economy.

GxABT’s ambition is to develop research activities based both on scientific research and on the socio-economic issues formulated by society. This research must advance knowledge, lead to progress for society and human development, support the development of public policies and/or contribute to the development of a socio-economic activity.

The Faculty has invested in the establishment of four “Research and Teaching Support Units” (CARE) known as *FoodIsLife*, *EnvironmentIsLife*, *AgricultureIsLife* and *ForestIsLife*, respectively. Given the cross-cutting nature of the skills involved in the “Agroeconomy of Sectors and Development” position, a contribution to the activities of the four CAREs will be requested.

Teaching activities:

The position (between 10 and 15 credits) will include:

For the basic Bachelor’s degree, courses in macro and microeconomics, going beyond the strict agricultural sphere to take into account the specificities of the four bioengineering Master’s: basic concepts of macroeconomics, including not only development, but also microeconomics of SME-type enterprises; the basics of project design and management in the fields of agronomy and bioengineering.

For the Master’s degree course, teaching will reinforce quantitative aspects, in particular through econometrics, the problem of food and even non-food consumption.

The courses should make the four Master’s degrees more accessible to students, taking into account the professional situations encountered by graduates of bioengineering and defined in the skills framework.

Research Activities:

The successful applicant will develop their research in the following areas:

- Analysis of agricultural and agri-food production systems;
- Issues related to food security and sustainable development;
- Agricultural policy;
- Development of surveys, collection and analysis of quantitative and qualitative data;
- Leading and assessing agronomic projects.

Services to the Community:

The successful applicant will seek to develop their expertise and strengthen collaboration with colleagues in the Faculty in the relevant field. They will help position GxABT as an important player in the agro-economy of sectors and development in contact with the private sector active both in developed and in developing countries.

Qualifications required:

- The successful applicant must hold a doctoral degree with a thesis and have significant experience in the relevant field;
- demonstrate recognised scientific experience in the field and through publications at international level in the relevant field;
- demonstrate the ability to conduct high-level scientific research and to lead a team of researchers and a laboratory;
- be willing to work in a team of teachers and researchers from different disciplines and with human and material resources shared within the Department and TERRA;
- demonstrate the ability to teach in both English and French, or make a commitment to be able to do so within two years of being appointed;
- be willing to develop research and development activities in contact with other stakeholders in the field;
- be available for a variety of different roles relating to services to the community;
- have excellent communication skills;
- adhere to the quality management and continuous improvement system set up by the University;
- have post-doctoral experience validated by an extended study period abroad or significant experience acquired outside their university of origin.

Selection procedure:

Each candidate's application will be examined by a faculty committee in charge of selecting the candidates to be interviewed, giving reasons for its decisions with regard to this vacancy announcement and the qualifications and merits of the candidates. The Faculty Committee shall interview the candidates, in particular concerning their curriculum vitae, their teaching, research and integration plans for the Institution and their command of English. The interview will include a "public lecture", the form of which will be set by the Faculty Committee. This interview will be held between the end of March and the beginning of May 2021.

Applications:

Applicants are requested to submit their applications electronically to the following email address: Postesacademiques@uliege.be copying in the Dean of GxABT - decanat.gembloux@uliege.be no later than **14 March 2021**.

Documents required:

- ✓ Applications should be accompanied by a complete [curriculum vitae](#);
- ✓ A report on past and current research activities and a research plan, including the envisaged integration within the University of Liège;
- ✓ A teaching dossier including a report on any prior teaching activities and a teaching plan;
- ✓ A copy of publications;
- ✓ A community services development project.

Recruitment conditions:

The position shall be assigned either for a fixed term of four years, which may lead to the permanent appointment of the person concerned or on a permanent basis from the outset.

In the case of a four-year appointment, an evaluation of the person concerned will be carried out at the end of the third year.

- If the evaluation is negative, the person concerned will complete the four-year term but will not be able to extend it.
- If the assessment is positive, the person concerned shall be appointed on a permanent basis.

Our institutional policy is based on diversity and equal opportunities. We select candidates on the basis of their qualities regardless of age, sexual orientation, origin, beliefs, disability or nationality.

Further information:

For any further information, please contact Professor Frédéric Francis, Dean of the Faculty – doyen.gembloux@uliege.be

Salary:

Salary scales and how they are applied are available from the human resources department of the University: **Ms Ludivine Depas** – tel.: +32 4 366 52 04 – Ludivine.Depas@uliege.be