

Job Wageningen University & Research - Full Professor Aquaculture & Fisheries (F / M)

We are looking for

We are looking for an enthusiastic academic leader for the Aquaculture & Fisheries group (AFI) at Wageningen University & Research (WUR). AFI aims to contribute, now and in the future, to the scientific foundation of a sustainable fish production in a world where demands for fish products are rising to unprecedented levels. The chair is offered the possibility to lead the group in developing innovative, relevant, and internationally leading research and education in aquaculture & fisheries. (S)he is expected to acquire external funding from industry, National Science Foundation NWO, and government and to be a trusted and inspirational spokesperson for the Aquaculture & Fisheries group.

Sustainable aquaculture is a key subject within the Aquaculture and Fisheries group (AFI). The group optimizes fish health, welfare and production in aquaculture systems with a minimal environmental footprint based on the characteristics of the fish species (e.g. physiology, genetic background, etc.). The future group leader has expertise in these domains and may bring in additional expertise that will contribute to a strong profile of future research activities. Such a profile is likely to include collaborative projects with (inter)national research institutes and industrial partners. It is also expected that the candidate engages in interdisciplinary research with other chair groups within WUR. Besides, the AFI-group actively contributes to teaching in the 3-year BSc, 2-year MSc of Animal Sciences, Biology, Aquaculture and Marine Resource Management, as well as a 4-year PhD-programme of the [graduate school WIAS](#). AFI is also involved in various postgraduate teaching activities.

Within the chair group, the fisheries domain is currently managed by a special professor. The chair coordinates the connection between aquaculture and fisheries.

AFI forms the strategic cluster Biology and Aquatic Resilience with the Cell Biology and Immunology group, the Experimental Zoology group, and the Marine Animal Ecology group. AFI has strong links with three Wageningen Research institutes: [Wageningen Marine Research](#) in the fisheries domain, [Wageningen Livestock Research](#) in the aquaculture domain and [Wageningen Bioveterinary Research](#) in the fish health domain. In addition, close collaboration takes place with research groups in WUR focused on genetics, nutrition, aquatic ecology, environmental technology, production system technology, and sustainable fisheries & aquaculture governance, among others. Excellent research facilities are available, including a state-of-the-art [aquatic animal research accommodation](#) (Carus) of 1800 m², with unique facilities such as respiration chambers.

We ask

The successful candidate has an outstanding international research record, with a relevant background in sustainable aquaculture supported by knowledge in aquatic animal physiology and a proven ability to acquire secure research funding. (S)he is an inspiring teacher with a clear vision on education. (S)he is interested and able to manage the chair group in an effective way and to support its staff in the development of their careers. The successful candidate is able to act as a connector to initiate and realise scientific synergies, within the group, as well as with other WUR chair groups, the Research Institutes of the WUR, and with partners outside WUR.

We seek a candidate who is communicative, a team player, with the ability to broadly represent the chair group at all required levels, including public media. (S)he has an inspiring long-term vision on the development of the scientific field and a clear view on the scientific and societal impact of the research and teaching activities of the AFI-group.

Wageningen University & Research encourages diversity among staff members in order to improve the quality of its organisation. Therefore, female candidates and candidates with various ethnic backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

We offer

We offer a full-time permanent position as full professor to develop and lead the Aquaculture & Fisheries group. The successful candidate will participate in an internationally oriented, enthusiastic, and creative team, currently consisting of 1 full professor (due to retire end of 2017), 1 part-time special professor fisheries (retiring in 2018), 2 associate professors, 2 assistant professors, 2 other scientists, and more

than 15 PhD candidates.

Besides a competitive salary, we offer flexible working conditions to support a good work - personal life balance of our employees.

More information

Further information about the position can be obtained from prof.dr.ir. JL (Johan) van Leeuwen, Chair of the Appointment Advisory Committee; email: johan.vanleeuwen@wur.nl, tel: +31317482267 / 83509. More detailed information on the profile and the Chair Group is available upon request (via tessa.bosman@wur.nl).

Application

You are invited to send your complete application to Tessa Bosman, MSc, tessa.bosman@wur.nl. Please include an application letter with curriculum vitae and a separate list of publications. The closing date for applications is 2 July 2017.

The Appointment Advisory Committee will interview selected candidates for this position on 15 September 2017. The Committee will thereafter invite short-listed candidates for a second interview and a trial lecture on 29 September 2017.

Organisation

The Aquaculture & Fisheries Group is embedded as one of the twelve chair groups in the Department of Animal Sciences at the overarching Animal Sciences Group (ASG), one of five sciences groups at Wageningen University & Research.

We are

Wageningen University & Research

The mission of Wageningen University & Research is 'to explore the potential of nature to improve the quality of life'. Wageningen University & Research focuses on the domain 'healthy food and living environment'. We do not just develop top-quality expertise; we also help translate our knowledge into practice worldwide. That is why we do fundamental research all over the world. We also train professionals who, in the near and distant future, will discover breakthroughs in science and technology. We are ranked among the top international universities in the field of life sciences. Our education programme has been graded for twelve years in a row as the best in The Netherlands.

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