

The Section for Agriculture is one of eleven Sections of the School of Spiritual Science at the Goetheanum in Dornach, Switzerland. It contributes to the development of agriculture on the basis of anthroposophical spiritual science. It's most important task is to stimulate the biodynamic movement worldwide and to coordinate, train and research the global movement for biodynamic agriculture.

From 1 September, 2024 or by arrangement, we are seeking a specialist for the

Leader for the Agriculture Section at the Goetheanum (full-time)

The position for the Section Leader for Agriculture requires that the candidate should have specific expertise in biodynamic agriculture, an academic training in the basic life sciences (especially biology), familiarization with the globally managed 'Demeter' brand and in-depth knowledge of Anthroposophy. The candidate should bring an extensive network in the biodynamic movement (preferably worldwide and with a focus on Latin America).

The position of Leader of the Section for Agriculture is at the same time a member of the Goetheanum Leadership. This management position requires integral knowledge and practice of the concepts of Anthroposophy for further development of higher education and science, as well as on representing anthroposophy in public. The position will require residence in the region of Dornach, Switzerland.

Specialized tasks in the field of agriculture and the food industry

- Maintain and develop the biodynamic agriculture and food industry towards being sustainable, relevant and to encourage growth
- Effectively combine research, teaching / training and hands-on practice in the biodynamic agriculture movement
- Promote and encourage contact with the younger generations and corresponding further education programs
- Represent the Agriculture Section and biodynamic agriculture in professional circles, in international alliances and in the general public
- Provide lectures, conduct research and publish articles on fundamental issues and contemporary challenges

Specialized tasks in the management of the section

- Joint responsibility for the content-related management and strategic direction of the Section
- Daily operational management of the Agriculture Section
- Responsible for Section annual budget and fundraising
- Responsible for overseeing and directing personnel management

Qualifications (What you bring with you)

- University degree in agricultural or ecological sciences
- Leadership experience with the ability to provide impulsive direction with a high level of social awareness and self-management
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, especially with people from the global south
- Very good language skills in Spanish and English (possibly native speaker) and good written and spoken German skills
- Networking and experience in the field of the international biodynamic movement and the Demeter brand community
- Extensive contacts in international networks for sustainable agriculture

- Practical experience in the arts and artistic expression as relates to nature observation
- Experience in guiding Anthroposophically-based community development, group dynamics, and study.
- Membership in the School of Spiritual Science

Benefits (Our offer)

The Section for Agriculture at the Goetheanum is the global center for biodynamic agriculture. As such, the position offers contact with thought-leaders, initiatives, and committed individuals from the international community. In our team, the candidate will assume management responsibility and have room for independent organization. In the Section for Agriculture, we cultivate a spirit of partnership and therefore welcome interest in new forms of professional co-operation.

We offer interesting social benefits as well as access to the wide range of cultural events continually offered at the Goetheanum.

We look forward to receiving your application by no later than 15 April 2024, stating your salary expectations, to personal@goetheanum.ch

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