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PhD Position in Forest ecology/Dead wood dynamics

You refine and complement existing models of dead wood dynamics and adapt them to forests of Switzerland, using snag and lying dead wood data from forest reserves which you complement with own field work, and publish your results in scientific journals. Working places: Lausanne and Birmensdorf.

Your qualifications: M.Sc. degree in Environmental Sciences or Engineering, Biology, Forest sciences, Geography or a related discipline, excellent statistical knowledge, good understanding of forest dynamics, (modelling expertise is of advantage), fluent in either French or German, and in English, good writing skills, autonomous and scientific functioning. You wish to take initiatives, are a team player and sure-footed in difficult terrain.

Interested? Please send your complete application, including photo, using **reference number 586** to Mrs. Monika Huber, Human Resources WSL, Zuercherstrasse 111, CH-8903 Birmensdorf, Switzerland. Dr. Rita Bütler, tel. +41-(0)21 693 63 36, will be happy to answer any questions or offer further information.

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