

In a joint appointment procedure by the Faculty of Agriculture, Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering (AUF) and the Research Institute for Farm Animal Biology (FBN), the following position is to be filled at the earliest possible date in accordance with the Thuringian model

**W2 Professorship “Biochemistry in Animal Nutrition”  
combined with leadership of a Focus Topic and a Research Group at the FBN.**

We are seeking a scientifically distinguished individual, established in the nutritional physiology of farm animals, who will complement the animal sciences at AUF and the research groups at FBN.

At the FBN, the appointee will lead and further develop the focus area “Coping with Critical Life Phases of Livestock.” This interdisciplinary research priority brings together 12 FBN research groups to investigate molecular, cellular, and systemic adaptation and coping mechanisms in response to stressors during critical life and production phases (e.g., birth/weaning, regrouping/relocation, the transition period, and high-performance phases). The goal is to develop robust indicators and evidence-based, practice-oriented nutritional, management, and breeding strategies to strengthen resilience and minimize the negative impacts of climate change, heat stress, and disease, thereby improving animal health, welfare, and nutrient efficiency.

At the FBN, the appointee will lead an independent research group conducting innovative projects on nutrition-related determinants of growth, development, immune defense, and energy and macronutrient metabolism in pigs, poultry, and farmed insects. Using physiological phenotyping, the group will elucidate links between nutrient utilization, health, and development to underpin evidence-based feeding and management recommendations.

At the University of Rostock, the professorship represents the animal sciences in the B.Sc. “Agricultural Sciences” and M.Sc. “Sustainable Agricultural Systems.” Teaching focuses on metabolic and performance physiology, nutritional disorders and dietetics, as well as the anatomical-physiological foundations and experimental methods of animal nutrition. The professorship stands for research-oriented, practice-focused teaching at the University of Rostock.

The future holder of this position is expected to actively promote networking between the University of Rostock and the FBN in research and teaching. In addition, the successful candidate is expected to contribute their research expertise to the work of the Interdisciplinary Faculty (INF) and its departments.

Suitable candidates have:

- a completed scientific university degree in agricultural, animal, or veterinary sciences, or related life sciences;
- a habilitation or equivalent scientific achievements in animal nutrition/biochemistry/physiology (ideally with reference to monogastrics), with an excellent record of publications and third-party funding;
- a strong national and international network and visibility in animal nutrition/animal physiology;
- strong commitment, ambition, and experience in third-party fundraising and publishing;
- teaching experience in relevant degree programmes, supervision of theses, and leadership of interdisciplinary teams;
- the ability to develop an innovative, interdisciplinary research agenda with high personal commitment and organisational skills;
- very good German and English skills or the willingness to acquire adequate German skills in the near future.

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Appointment requirements are determined in accordance with Section 58(1) of the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Higher Education Act (LHG M-V).

The joint appointment will be made under the Thuringian Model pursuant to Section 59(7) LHG M-V. Upon appointment, the title of Professor will be conferred in connection with employment. The appointment requirements are determined in accordance with Section 58(1) LHG M-V.

Particular skills and achievements in teaching as well as in academic organization and self-governance will be taken into account. Applicants should therefore present their teaching record, outline plans for future teaching - including the didactic design of courses - and describe their experience in academic management. Active engagement and experience in securing third-party funding are expected.

The University of Rostock is committed to its leadership guidelines.

The University of Rostock aims to increase the proportion of women among its academic staff and therefore expressly encourages qualified women to apply, with reference to Section 7(3) of the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Equal Opportunities Act. In cases of essentially equal qualifications, women will be given preference unless overriding reasons related to a competing applicant apply.

Equal opportunities are an integral part of our Human Resources policy. The call for applications is therefore addressed to all persons regardless of gender. Severely disabled persons will receive special consideration in cases of equal suitability, qualifications, and professional performance.

Applications with the usual documents (curriculum vitae in tabular form; description of academic and professional career; list of publications identifying the five most important publications; record of previous teaching activities, any higher-education didactics qualifications, and third-party funding acquired to date; as well as a statement of a possible teaching and research concept) should be submitted by 8. June 2026 to: **University of Rostock, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering, Justus-von-Liebig-Weg 6, 18059 Rostock, Germany**, or by email to [dekan.auf@uni-rostock.de](mailto:dekan.auf@uni-rostock.de)

We attach great importance to the protection of your personal data. Data collected in the course of the application procedure will be collected, processed, and used in accordance with the applicable data protection regulations.

Unfortunately, the State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern cannot reimburse application costs. Please submit copies only, as documents will not be returned after the procedure has been completed.

