

CAREER CENTER NEWSLETTER

This month's newsletter focuses on **Jobs in Government Authorities and Ministries**. Geoscientists working in this field can support science-driven political decisions, provide decision-makers with relevant information, and support set-ups of new programs and projects i.e. for sustainable development goals and decarbonization targets.

Established in this career



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I am leading an interdisciplinary team searching for a deep geological repository for

high-radioactive waste in Germany, following legally-set criteria, and using diverse geological datasets. *This unique job position combines academic teaching, research, public outreach, and government work, which was and still is one of the most-intriguing aspects for me.* In particular, I am responsible for the data evaluation of crystalline rock. Our team is developing concepts for the evaluation and interpretation of the data. In addition, we formulate research needs and accompany those projects conducted by external groups from the beginning till the end. Keeping my finger on the pulse of international science is important to me in this position. This is necessary to reach our goal to find the best-suitable repository site in Germany.

Starting a career in this field

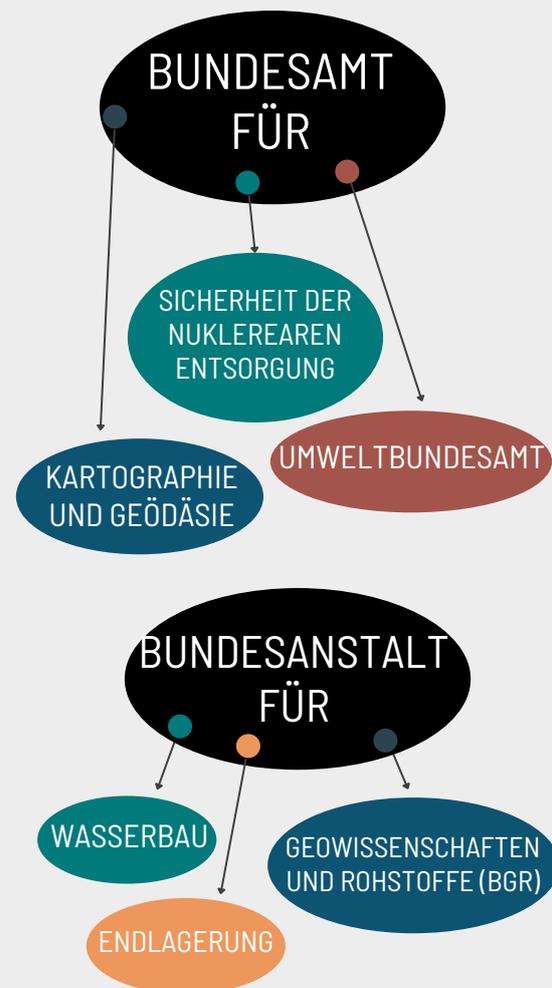
Geoscientists in ministerial jobs can help to improve the role that this expertise has in the economy and political sector.

- Take a policy, leadership, and project management course
- Be part of a Science and Technology Fellowship
- Networking, networking, networking: meet a policy scientist, or a person in a related job in a Federal Ministry
- Go to debates related to science policy
- Participate in Interdisciplinary projects and outreach activities which involve communities and stakeholders
- Strong language knowledge of the country

Have a look for job positions in Germany

Interamt, Stellenangebote Bund, Service Bund

GFZ Alumni working here



Upcoming Career Events

- GeoPostdocSession will be on 20th September on "How to deal with Imposter Syndrome"
- Networking event within the Postdoc Appreciation Week on September 20th in the Café Freundlich, 16.00-18.00
- Apply for Mentoring Program COMPASS from September 19th to October 31st