

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) is the national institute which prepares expert reports and opinions on questions concerning the safety of food, feed and chemicals, as well as consumer health protection, on the basis of internationally recognised scientific evaluation criteria. It advises the Federal Government and other institutions and interest groups in these areas. The BfR conducts its own research on topics that are closely linked to its assessment tasks. It is an institution with legal capacity within the portfolio of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL).

The “Animal Protection and Laboratory Animal Science” Unit of the **Experimental Toxicology and ZEBET** Department at the BfR has a vacancy at the earliest possible date for the following position for a limited employment period of three years:

Doctoral Candidate
- Salary group TVöD -

Reference number: 2059/2018

The position involves 50% of regular weekly working hours (currently 19.50 hrs).

The position should be used to obtain a doctorate. Participation in the accompanying doctoral programme is compulsory. This programme serves to impart both scientific and methodological knowledge. It offers employees the opportunity to regularly present doctoral projects at internal events and to benefit from the exchange of ideas with other scientists.

The limited employment period is based on the German Fixed-Term Research Contracts Act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz).

Duties:

- Performance of experimental research in the field of laboratory animal science and the improvement of animal welfare (refinement)
- Behavioural tests for the characterisation of rats with regard to the cognitive, social and emotional behavioural repertoire
- Automated and manual evaluation of behaviour in home cages and in choice experiments
- Molecular and cellular biology investigations on neuroplasticity, endocrinology, epigenetics and immunology using common work methods (e.g.: immunohistology, flow cytology, high-performance liquid chromatography, real-time PCR)
- Preparation of data for presentations and publications

Requirements:

- University degree (Master, "Diplom" degree (university) or an equivalent university qualification) in Biotechnology, Biology, Medicine or Veterinary Medicine, Neurosciences and Cognitive Sciences or a comparable discipline
- Wide-ranging specialist knowledge of behavioural biology and laboratory animal science
- Specialised and methodological knowledge of cellular and molecular neuroscience desired
- Experience in handling small mammals (incl. breeding and keeping) desirable
- Very good written and spoken English
- Good computer literacy as well as a conscientious work approach, flexibility, ability to work in a team and ability to cope with pressure

The place of work is Berlin.

More detailed information is available from Prof. Dr. Lewejohann (Tel.: 030 18412 – 1666).



The BfR welcomes applications from people of all nationalities. The BfR is an innovative scientific institute offering family-friendly working conditions and has been awarded the "audit berufundfamilie®" (work and family) certificate. The BfR guarantees equal career opportunities for women and men, and is therefore particularly interested in receiving applications from women. In the case of equal suitability, severely disabled applicants will be given preferential consideration and are only required to have a minimum level of physical suitability.

Application procedure

Does this appeal to you?

Then please submit your application via our online system **by 27 September 2018:**

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