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Saarland University is a campus university with an international reputation for research excellence, particularly in computer science and in the life sciences and nanosciences. The university is also distinguished by its close ties to France and its strong European focus. Around 17,000 students, studying over one hundred different academic disciplines, are currently enrolled at Saarland University. Saarland University is officially recognized as one of Germany's family-friendly higher-education institutions and with a combined workforce of more than 4000 it is one of the largest employers in the region.

The Institute for Cell and Developmental Biology (Iden lab) is inviting applications for the following position commencing at the earliest opportunity.

Academic research assistant (m/f/x)

Reference number W1915, salary in accordance with the German TV-L salary scale¹, pay grade: initially for 2 years, employment: 100 % of standard working time.

Workplace/Department:

Iden lab, Faculty of Medicine (Homburg), Institute for Cell and Developmental Biology

Job requirements and responsibilities:

- The Iden lab investigates mechanisms underlying control of mammalian cell polarity in tissue homeostasis and diseases including cancer, with predominant focus on the skin (see <https://www.uni-saarland.de/lehrstuhl/iden.html> for details). See also: Dias Gomes & Iden, EMBO J 2021, Li et al. Curr Opin Cell Biol. 2020, Dias Gomes et al. Nat Commun 2019, Vorhagen et al. Oncogene 2018, Mescher et al. J Exp Med 2017, Knapp et al, bioRxiv 2020.
- We seek a highly motivated and skilled candidate with PhD to work on a new DFG-funded project within an interdisciplinary biophysics consortium (SFB1027: <https://www.sfb1027.uni-saarland.de/>). The project will combine cell biology and mechanics, bioengineering, bioinformatic analyses, and live cell imaging, and includes strong collaboration with research groups at the Leibniz Institute for New Materials (INM), Faculty of Medicine, and Faculty of Natural Sciences and Technology.
- Proficiency in cell culture methods, microscopy, biochemistry, and statistical data analysis is expected.
- The applicants must have a strong interest in cell biology of the skin and mechanistic approaches. Preference will be given to candidates with prior experience in primary cell isolation and culture.

¹ TV-L = collective agreement on remuneration of public sector employees in the German *Länder*

The pay grade assigned to an employee depends on their professional qualifications and the number of years of service. Each pay grade is further subdivided into levels. Entry-level employees with no previous experience will initially be assigned a level 1 rating. After one year at level 1 of the E10 pay grade, an employee will move up to level 2. After a further two years, the employee will move to level 3, etc.

- Ability for problem solving, critical thinking, scientific writing and presentation skills are crucial.
- Good command of oral and written English as well as German and ability to work in a team are essential.

Your academic qualifications:

- Doctoral degree / PhD in biochemistry, biophysics, biology, bioengineering or related subjects

The successful candidate will also be expected to:

- engage in active scientific discussions in the team and develop independency
- contribute to supervision of undergraduate and graduate students joining the lab
- submit an application that includes 1 page letter of interest, curriculum vitae, publication list, contact details of two referees, and brief statement of scientific achievements (to be sent electronically as a single pdf file)

What we can offer you:

- A flexible work schedule allowing you to balance work and family
- A broad range of further education and professional development programmes
- An occupational health management model with numerous attractive options, such as our university sports programme
- Supplementary pension scheme (RZVK)
- Discounted tickets on local public transport services ('Jobticket')

We look forward to receiving your **(written) application**. Please quote **reference number W1915** when applying. Applications must be received by no later than **11 July 2021** and should be sent to the following address:

Universität des Saarlandes
Frau Prof. Dr. Sandra Iden
Cell & Developmental Biology
Building 61.4
66421 Homburg
Email: sandra.iden@uks.eu

Application documents will not be returned. Please only submit copies of your documents and do not use plastic wallets, folders, ring binders, etc.

If you have any **questions**, please contact us for assistance. Your contact:

Frau Prof. Dr. Sandra Iden
Cell & Developmental Biology
Tel.: 06841/16-47912

In accordance with the objectives of its equal opportunities plan, Saarland University seeks to increase the proportion of women in this field. Qualified women candidates are therefore strongly encouraged to apply. Preferential consideration will be given to applications from disabled candidates of equal eligibility. The successful candidate has the option of choosing to work part-time in this position.

Pay grade classification is based on the particular details of the position held and the extent to which the applicant meets the requirements of the pay grade within the TV-L salary scale.

When you submit a job application to Saarland University you will be transmitting personal data. [Please refer to our privacy notice for information on how we collect and process personal data in accordance with Art. 13 of the Datenschutz-Grundverordnung](#). By submitting your application you confirm that you have taken note of the information in the Saarland University privacy notice.