The Heimholtz Institute for Pharmaceutical Research Saarland (HIPS) conducts research into antibacterial and anti-infective drug discovery to combat infectious diseases. The institute, which is located in Saarbrücken, was jointly founded in 2009 by the Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research (HZI) and Saarland University. HIPS established a new research facility on the campus of Saarland University in 2013 (www.uni-saarland.de/hipss) and is now an integral part of Saarland University’s research and academic ecosystem.

The initiative to form the institute was driven by the need for an interdisciplinary approach to drug discovery and development. It is located in the University Research Area (URA) in Saarbrücken, providing immediate access to the university’s research and academic facilities – all of which is being coordinated in close cooperation with Saarland University.

HIPS is part of the HZI and is a member of the German Center for Infection Research (DZIF), an association of 35 universities, hospitals and research institutes whose goal is to coordinate and promote translational infection research. In addition to being a well-established scientific institution, HIPS’ members have access to the internal infrastructure and to a wide range of scientific resources.

Saarland University is a campus university with a pronounced international focus and strong research profile. With a large number of other external research institutes in the region, Saarland University is an ideal location for innovation and technology transfer. As part of its efforts to increase the proportion of women in this field, Saarland University is actively seeking to increase the proportion of women in this field. Qualified candidates are therefore strongly encouraged to apply. The university has been audited as a family-friendly university and offers a wide range of services for balancing work and family life.

At Saarland University, we view internationalization as a process spanning all aspects of university life. We therefore expect members of our professorial staff to engage in activities that promote and foster further internationalization. Special support will be provided for projects that continue with or expand on collaborative interactions within existing international cooperative networks, e.g. projects with partners in the European University Alliance Transform-EUrope (www.transform-europe.eu) or the University of the Greater Region (www.uni-gr.eu).

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We are looking for an upcoming young researcher with a growing international reputation in their field and an outstanding record in both teaching and research who will contribute significantly to the progress of ongoing projects and will play a key role in establishing new interdisciplinary and interfaculty collaborative projects.

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W2-Professorship in Anti-infective Medical Chemistry (m/f; Reference: W2012)

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Exploring innovative modes-of-action for the development of novel anti-infective drugs is a major research objective of the Helmholtz Institute for Pharmaceutical Research Saarland. The department is responsible for drug discovery and development with a focus on anti-infective drugs.

We are looking for an expert in the field of medicinal chemistry with a focus on anti-infective drug discovery and development with a proven track record regarding significant contributions to the field.

Successful candidates will have documented high-impact publications as well as patent applications. Addressing challenging and unexplored drug targets such as protein-nucleic-acid interactions as well as reprogramming bacterial pathogen-host interaction is of particular interest.

Participation in "active compound initiatives" of Saarland University and the HIPS as well as the German Center for Infection Research (DZIF) is expected. We expect the successful candidate to have proven expertise in the field of medicinal chemistry and drug design as well as peptide-based drug design and development.

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