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 of Experimental Orthopaedics and Osteoarthritis Research is inviting applications for the following position commencing at the earliest opportunity.

**Academic research assistant (m/f/x)**

**Reference number W2380**, salary in accordance with the German TV-L salary scale\(^1\), pay grade: E13 TV-L, duration of employment: 3 years, volume of employment: 100% of standard working time.

**Workplace/Department:**
We are seeking a motivated Postdoctoral Research Fellow to work on an exciting research project aiming to understand how osteoarthritis, a degenerative disease, in which the tissues in the joint break down over time, begins and proceeds.

Work will be performed at the Institute of Experimental Orthopaedics and Osteoarthritis Research at the Medical Faculty (Homburg/Saar) of Saarland University. Our overall goal is to decipher the fundamental mechanisms that lead to osteoarthritis and to develop new molecular therapies. Recent publications: Oláh et al, Sci Transl Med 2022 (PMID:35080913), Oláh et al, Sci Transl Med 2019 (PMID: 31484789), Oláh et al, Adv Sci 2022 (PMID: 35670136), Haberkamp et al, Sci Transl Med 2020 (PMID: 32967975).

We are a young, friendly, international and dynamic research group. Saarland is a great place to live, located in the heart of Europe and in close proximity to France, Luxembourg and Belgium.

\(^1\) 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.
Job requirements and responsibilities:
The specific project involves up-to-date methods on histology and immunohistochemistry, high resolution micro CT imaging, molecular biology, and biochemistry of articular cartilage, subchondral bone and other tissues.

Your academic qualifications:
• Mandatory requirements are completed university studies in natural sciences (PhD), medicine (MD), veterinary medicine or engineering with doctorate.

The successful candidate will also be expected to:
• Strong written and oral communication skills are essential
• Language skills (according to GER): English – B2

What we can offer you:
• A flexible work schedule allowing you to balance work and family, among other things the possibility of teleworking
• Secure and future-oriented employment with attractive conditions
• A broad range of further education and professional development programmes (for example language courses)
• 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 (‘Job-Ticket Plus’ of the saarVV)

We look forward to receiving your meaningful online application (in a PDF file) by 01.12.2023 to office-eo@uks.eu
Please include the reference number W2380 in the subject line of the e-mail.

If you have any questions, please contact us for assistance. Your contact:
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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. Part-time employment is generally possible.

If you have obtained a foreign university degree, a proof of the equivalence of this degree with a German degree by the Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen (ZAB) is needed before hiring. If necessary, please apply for this in time. You can find more information at https://www.kmk.org/zeugnisbewertung.

Unfortunately, neither costs for attending an interview at Saarland University nor costs for any certificate evaluation by the ZAB can be reimbursed in principle.

We welcome applications regardless of gender, nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion/belief, disability, age, and sexual orientation and identity. In accordance with its policy of increasing the proportion of women, the University actively encourages applications from women. Applications from severely disabled persons will be given preferential consideration in the event of equal suitability.

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.