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 Anatomy and Cell Biology, Medical Faculty** is inviting applications for the following position commencing at the earliest opportunity.

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

**Reference number W2454**, salary in accordance with the German TV-L salary scale¹, pay grade: E13 TV-L, duration of employment: 3 years, volume of employment: 50% of standard working time.

**Workplace/Department:**

**Institute of Anatomy and Cell Biology**

**Job requirements and responsibilities:**

Our department has a long-standing expertise in respiratory physiology and pathology as well as in neurobiology. In this project, you will study the significance of tuft cells for induction and modulation of host protective responses in respiratory infections via release of various bioactive molecules e.g. cysteinyl leukotrienes and prostaglandins. To achieve this aim, you will use various mouse models and employ electrophysiology and *in vivo* and *ex vivo* imaging techniques such as Ca²⁺ imaging, two-photon (2P) and confocal microscopy. Immunohistochemistry, biochemical and molecular biology techniques will be used as well. The project will be supported by the HomFor program of the Medical Faculty (granted to Dr. Mohamed Elhawy).

You are highly motivated scientist with a strong interest in cell biology and infection biology. You are experienced in RNA- and protein analysis, immunohistochemistry, microscopy. A plus would be experience in microbiology and/or immunology.

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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.
Requirements:
- Fluency in English (oral and written)
- Experience in imaging techniques
- Routine in standard lab techniques of molecular biology, biochemistry, immunohistochemistry.
- Excellent presentation and organization skills, familiar with scientific project management in academic research
- Software knowledge (Office, Prism, Photoshop, Powerpoint, Image J)

Your academic qualifications:
- Completed university studies in natural sciences, MD, VMD or equivalent
- Language skills (according to GER): Fluency in English (oral and written)

candidate will also be expected to:
- Language skills (according to GER): English

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 25.03.2024 to gabiela.krasteva-christ@uni-saarland.de. Please include the reference number W2454 in the subject line of the e-mail.

If you have any questions, please contact us for assistance. Your contact:
Frau Dr. Judith de Schryver
Institute of Anatomy and Cell Biology
Tel.: 06841/16-26101

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.