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Saarland University is a campus university that is internationally recognized for its strong research programmes. Fostering young academic talent and creating ideal conditions for teaching and research are a core part of the university's mission. As part of the University of the Greater Region, Saarland University enables students and staff to share and exchange knowledge and ideas between disciplines, between universities and across borders. With over 17,000 national and international students, studying more than a hundred different academic disciplines, Saarland University is a diverse and dynamic learning environment. [Saarland University is officially recognized as one of Germany's family-friendly higher-education institutions and with a combined workforce of more than 4,000 it is one of the largest employers in the region.]

The Biophysics of the Cytoskeleton research group is inviting applications for the following position commencing at the earliest opportunity.

Academic research assistant (m/f/x)

Reference number W1815, salary in accordance with the German TV-L salary scale¹, pay grade: E13, employment: 50 % of standard working time.

Workplace/Department:

Experimental Biophysics

Job requirements and responsibilities:

The Biophysics of the Cytoskeleton research group is looking for a talented and motivated doctoral candidate interested in investigating cytoskeletal cross-talk. Microtubules and intermediate filaments are cytoskeletal elements with contrasting mechanical, dynamic and structural properties. We believe that cells take advantage of and differentially regulate the cross-talk between these filaments to fine-tune cytoskeletal function. The goal of the project is to unravel the rules of interaction between microtubules and intermediate filaments. To achieve this goal, we will use live cell observations as well as experiments involving cell-free extract in combination with microstructured environments and microfluidics (Schaedel et al., Nature Materials 2015; Aumeier et al., Nature Cell Biology 2016; Schaedel et al., bioRxiv 2020).

We are a young, enthusiastic and highly interdisciplinary team working on the cytoskeleton on different scales, from molecules to cells. We are particularly passionate about microtubules and intermediate filaments, two cytoskeletal fibers with opposing properties. We investigate cytoskeletal architecture, dynamics, mechanics and cross-talk using

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.

tools from biophysics, biochemistry, cell biology and microfabrication. For more information on the research group, please refer to www.biocytolab.com.

Your academic qualifications:

- Completed university studies in (bio)physics, biology, biochemistry or a related field qualifying for doctoral studies in the field of biophysics.

The successful candidate will also be expected to:

- Be proficient in English (both spoken and written).
- Have good comprehension skills in German or otherwise be willing to learn German during their stay.
- Previous experience in molecular biology, cell culture or fluorescence microscopy would be an appreciated asset.

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 W1815** when applying. Applications must be received by no later than **15 January 2021** and should be sent to the following address:

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Email: employment-biophysics@uni-saarland.de

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:

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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.

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