

Group Leader – Developmental Biology

We are seeking to recruit an outstanding group leader who aims to explore bold new areas of biological inquiry and carry out interdisciplinary research to investigate multicellular development at all scales. How organisms respond and adapt to their environment, during development and throughout their lifetime, is of central interest.

The [Developmental Biology Unit](#) seeks to understand the general principles and mechanisms underlying the development of multicellular organisms. Researchers in the unit combine the power of genetic model organisms with quantitative imaging and -omics technologies, synthetic biology, reduced (in vitro) systems and theoretical modelling, to create a cross-cutting approach to modern developmental biology.

Research in the Developmental Biology Unit is firmly embedded within the overall EMBL environment, with extensive in-house collaborations, access to outstanding graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, and support from cutting-edge facilities, including genomics, transgenesis, metabolomics, mass-spectrometry, and microscopy.

Your role

You will lead a research group to pursue highly ambitious and original research at the frontier of developmental biology. In general, EMBL appoints group leaders early in their career and provides them with a very supportive, collaborative environment and generous work package for their first independent position. Significant core funding and limited teaching responsibilities allow you undertake a farsighted research program.

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The successful candidate will present a highly original and ambitious research plan that concisely describes the background and status of the questions that will be addressed, the experimental strategies and methods that will be employed, and the ultimate goals. A PhD degree in the Natural Sciences is expected. Candidates with a background in physics and modelling of developmental processes are also encouraged to apply.

Why join us

EMBL is an inclusive, equal opportunity employer offering attractive conditions and benefits appropriate to an international research organization with a very collegial and family friendly working environment. EMBL is committed to achieving gender balance and strongly encourages applications from women. Appointment will be based on merit alone. The remuneration package comprises a competitive salary, a comprehensive pension scheme, medical, educational and other social benefits, as well as

Location: Heidelberg, Germany
Staff Category: Staff Member
Contract Duration: 5 years (renewable)
Grading: 9
Closing Date: 31 October 2019
Reference Number: HD01624

financial support for relocation and installation, including your family, and the availability of an excellent child care facility on campus.

What else you need to know

We are Europe's flagship research laboratory for the life sciences – an intergovernmental organisation performing scientific research in disciplines including molecular biology, physics, chemistry and computer science. We are an international, innovative and interdisciplinary laboratory with more than 1700 employees from many nations, operating across six sites, in Heidelberg (HQ), Barcelona, Hinxton near Cambridge, Hamburg, Grenoble and Rome.

Our mission is to offer vital services in training scientists, students and visitors at all levels; to develop new instruments and methods in the life sciences and actively engage in technology transfer activities, and to integrate European life science research. The working language of the institute is English.

In your online application, you will be asked to include a cover letter, your CV, the names and contact details of 3 referees and a concise description of research interests & future research plans, typically not exceeding five pages.

Further information about the position can be obtained from the Head of Unit, Anne Ephrussi (anne.ephrussi@embl.de).

Information on Group Leader appointments can be found here http://www.embl.org/gl_faq.

Interviews are planned for 18, 19 and 20 December 2019.

An initial contract of 5 years will be offered to the successful candidate. This is foreseen to be extended to a maximum of 9 years, subject to an external review.

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