

Job advertisement

The Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut (FLI) is one of the world's leading research institutes in the field of animal diseases, animal welfare, animal husbandry, animal nutrition and farm animal genetics. It is part of the portfolio of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity and advises the Federal Government in these areas.

It has state-of-the-art laboratories and experimental animal facilities, including for large animals in protection levels 2-4, as well as two insectaria (BSL-2/BSL-3). Eight esearch groups are currently based at the Institute of Immunology (IfI). Further information about the IfI can be found at https://www.fli.de/de/institute/institut-fuer-immunologie-ifi/.

The Institute of Immunology at the Greifswald - Insel Riems headquarters is seeking to fill the following position

Research Group Leader, Vector Immunobiology (m/f/d)

to start a soon as possible on a full-time basis. The position is limited to two years as part of a probationary leadership. After a successful evaluation, a permanent position will be offered.

Tasks:

The Institute of Immunology investigates the immune response of various hosts to animal diseases and zoonoses. The post holder will establish a research group at the IfI and develop independent projects in the field of vector immunobiology. This includes scientific work to elucidate the immunobiology of arthropod vectors and the host immune response to vector-borne pathogens, especially zoonotic viruses. The active collaboration with scientists at the IfI and the FLI as well as the acquisition of funding and national and international networking are further important tasks.

Requirements:

- University degree in veterinary medicine, biology or related fields
- PhD in Immunology, Infection Biology or related Biosciences
- In-depth knowledge and experimental expertise in the field of infection immunology, especially insect immunology, immune responses to vector-borne zoonotic viruses, and biomedical research in laboratories up to biosafety level 3

Additional Qualifications:

- Laboratory skills in virology and molecular biology
- Experience in working with arthropods in the context of infectious diseases
- Demonstrated ability to conduct independent scientific work, including securing third-party funding and supervising early career scientists
- Experience in personnel management
- IT skills and experience in using modern laboratory systems
- Excellent communication skills in English

We expect an independent scientific way of working including scientific evaluation and presentation techniques, good administrative skills in project management, motivation and resilience as well as good work organization and the ability to work in a team. Good knowledge of the German language (official language) or the willingness to learn it within a reasonable period of time is a prerequisite for the successful fulfilment of the task.

In addition to an interesting job in an international environment, we offer a position in a highly motivated multicultural and diverse team as well as an employment according to the collective agreement of the public service (pay group 14 TVöD- Bund, Tarif area east).

The job involves working in a biosecurity area, which requires a background check according to the Security Clearance Act (Sicherheitsüberprüfungsgesetz, SÜG) and special protective measures against health hazards. Mental and physical suitability is therefore a prerequisite for filling the position.

The FLI is committed to a family-friendly working environment by offering flexible working hours and the basic option of part-time employment. Our social benefits include company health and reintegration management, company social counselling and capital-forming benefits.

The FLI aims to increase the proportion of women in leadership positions and explicitly encourages women to apply.

The FLI is also committed to inclusion. Applications from people with severe disabilities are therefore explicitly welcome. They will be given preferential consideration in the selection process.

For further information, please contact Prof Dr Anca Dorhoi (Anca.Dorhoi@fli.de).

We look forward to receiving your application. Please send your complete application by 6 July 2025 to the e-mail 025.25@fli.de with the subject "Position 025/25". Alternatively, you can send your application by post to the Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut, Referat Personal, Postfach 1318 in 17466 Greifswald - Insel Riems. Please note that incomplete documents may lead to exclusion from the application procedure.

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