

Job Advertisement

The faculty of Biology – Institute of Organismic and Molecular Evolution - research group Behavioural Ecology and Social Evolution of the Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz is looking from 01.07.2019 onwards for a

Biological Technician (m/f/d)

(pay scale EG 9 TV-L)

Position number: 5519-10-ml

- Full time -

On a permanent position. The applicant will support the research group with a focus on Evolution, Behaviour and Ecology of Social Insects (<https://evo.bio.uni-mainz.de>) in research and teaching.

Responsibilities:

- Development, application and teaching of methods in molecular biology, behavioural and chemical ecology for the research and teaching programme on the evolution of ants and bees.
- Support of scientific projects, including conducting independently subprojects and supporting the preparation of manuscripts and research grants (e.g. compiling and visualisation of research results, budget calculations).
- Laboratory management (ordering of laboratory materials, support and care of laboratory instruments, laboratory hygiene and safety).
- Preparation of teaching courses and excursions.
- Laboratory maintenance of social insect colonies.

Conditions of employment:

- Training as a biological technician or similar proficiencies and experiences
- Extensive Research experience is an advantage
- Very good skills in written and oral English
- Very good knowledge of techniques in molecular biology and behavioural and chemical ecology
- Familiarity with statistical and bioinformatic analyses is an advantage
- Good Skills in
 1. Organisation of a modern, methodological diverse laboratory
 2. MS-Office and reference manager software
 3. the scientific approach and terms

Expected in addition:

- Interest in the research and work with social insects
- Ability and enthusiasm to work in an international team
- Work independence and effective organisation of work
- Development and training of new laboratory techniques
- Participation in seminars and meetings of the research group

We invite candidates without an official training as a biological technician to apply. However, we have to mention in this context, that they will be grouped into EG 9 with longer times in pay levels, resulting in a slower pay increase over time (The level 3 will be reached after 5 years in level 2, level 4 will be reached after 9 years in level 3, there are no levels 5 and 6).

We offer:

An interesting and diverse position in an international team with many opportunities for individual development in research and university teaching. Independent conduct of research projects and participation in national and international research trips and excursions if desired. Excellent, brand new laboratories within the new bio-center I of the Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz.

Next to the security of an employment in the public service, we offer additional social benefits e.g. extra retirement benefits in the public service via VBL, the possibility to buy a job ticket for public transportation and participation in training courses.

The Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz supports the compatibility of family and career. Family-friendly conditions include flexible working hours.

Applications of elderly candidates will be equally considered.

Applications of seriously disabled persons with similar qualifications will be prioritised.

Questions regarding the position and research of the group please contact Prof. Susanne Foitzik foitzik@uni-mainz.de.

Please submit your electronic application with the usual documents and under **the position number: 5519-10-ml** until **29.04.2019** to beruf@uni-mainz.de