



# RESEARCH ASSOCIATE FOR THE PROJECT “MOLECULAR ADAPTATIONS OF THE BRAIN OF DIVING MAMMALS” § 28 SUBSECTION 3 HMBHG

**Institution:** Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Natural Sciences, Department of Biology, Institute of Cell and Systems Biology of Animals

**Salary level:** EGR. 13 TV-L

**Start date:** 01.06.2022, fixed for a period of 36 month (This is a fixed-term contract in accordance with Section 2 of the academic fixed-term labor contract act [Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz, WissZeitVG]).

**Application deadline:** 2022-05-28

**Scope of work:** part-time

**Weekly hours:** 65 % of standard work hours per week

## Responsibilities

Duties include academic services in the project named above. Research associates may also pursue independent research and further academic qualifications.

## Specific Duties

A remarkable feature of many whales and seals is an extraordinary dive capacity, which allows some species to remain submerged for more than 2 h. This astonishing performance is due to a combination of various behavioural, anatomical and physiological adaptations. With this project, we want to reveal the specific molecular mechanisms that explain the unusual hypoxia tolerance in the brain of diving mammals and the task distribution between neurons and glial cells. To provide a novel understanding of the energy metabolism and stress response of the mammalian brain the applicant will generate celltype specific transcriptomes via SingleCellSequencing and LaserCaptureMicrodissection. After identifying possible candidate genes the applicant will proceed with functional analysis via neuronal and glia cell culture.

## Requirements

A university degree in a relevant field.

University degree (Msc, Diploma) in biology, biochemistry, bioinformatics or a relevant field. The applicant should have sound knowledge and experience in the methods of molecular biology, NGS techniques and their analysis. Experience in cell culture is desirable. Team spirit, ability of scientific writing and at least basic knowledge in bioinformatics are required. Good oral and written English skills are necessary.

## We offer



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## Tips on applying

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### Reference number

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Send us your complete application documents (cover letter, curriculum vitae, copies of degree certificate(s) and if necessary ID attesting to your disability or proof of equivalent status) via the online application form only.

If you experience technical problems, send an email to [bewerbungen@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:bewerbungen@uni-hamburg.de).

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