Reference number 143/2020

PHD POSITION IN MOLECULAR NEUROPHYSIOLOGY (M/F/D)

Fixed term: three years
65% of a full-time position
Planned remuneration: salary group E13 TV-L

The FACULTY OF LIFE SCIENCES – INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY – DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY seeks to fill the above position at the earliest opportunity.

The PhD position is funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). The research project is part of the newly initiated Priority Program “Evolutionary Optimization of Neural Processing” (SPP2205). Supported by a collaboration with the Wicher group (MPI for Chemical Ecology, Jena), the work program will focus on olfactory sensory neurons of *Drosophila* to investigate molecular mechanisms controlling neuronal signaling efficacy.

We are looking for a highly motivated, analytical and inquisitive candidate with good communication skills. We offer a stimulating scientific environment in a dynamic team, with state-of-the-art technology and individually tailored training.

**Job description**

- Scientific work as part of the funded project:
  - Super-resolution microscopy
  - Molecular genetics
  - Patch-clamp electrophysiology
  - Behavioural analyses
- Further scientific qualification within the funded project is desired.

**Requirements**

- Master’s degree in Natural Sciences
- Solid background in Neuroscience
- Experience with electrophysiology, *Drosophila*, and/or molecular genetics
- Excellent command of English
- Ability to work both independently and in a team
- Strong work ethics
- Good communication skills

Please send your application (quoting reference number 143/2020) with a detailed CV, a brief statement of research experience and interests, and two reference letters or names and contact information of two referees to

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no later than **31 July 2020**. Please note that applying by email is not entirely secure and may pose a privacy risk. The sender assumes full responsibility. Severely disabled persons are encouraged to apply and will be given preference in the case of equal suitability.
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