The Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn is an international research university with a broad spectrum of disciplines. 200 years of history, around 38,000 students, more than 6,000 employees and an excellent reputation at home and abroad: The University of Bonn is one of the most important universities in Germany and has been awarded the title of Excellence University.

The LIMES institute is inviting applications for

two PhD student positions (65%)

for initial period of three years with a possibility of extension.

Job description

The laboratory of Prof. Mihai Netea at the University of Bonn, Germany, is currently looking for PhD candidates interested in metabolic impact on the immune system and enthusiastic about working on a collaborative project, generating and integrating multidimensional data and understanding human biology at the systemic level. The project focuses on deciphering the impact of energy metabolism, uric acid, lipid mediators on inflammation and trained immunity in atherosclerosis. The project is a collaborative effort between Radboud University Medical Center and the University of Bonn.

Qualification profile

The PhD will develop skills in standard immunology techniques, lipidomic analysis, metabolic measurements as well as will work with big data sets.

Your duties

- performing standard immunological assays on human samples,
- evaluation and analysis of big data,
- plans, directs and conducts specialized and advanced research experiments,
- may establish new research protocols and procedures,
- summarizes research findings and contribute to publish results in research journals,
- may be responsible for laboratory operations.

Your profile:

- a solid background (master or diploma) in Biology, Biochemistry, Bioinformatics, Molecular Medicine, or related topics,
- having bioinformatic skills and being familiar with data science is advantageous,
- ability to work independently and in a team,
- excellent management and communication skills,
- highly motivated in interdisciplinary research,
- good computer and language (English) skills.

We offer:

- a diverse and demanding job with one of the largest employers in the region,
- highly innovative techniques in Immunology, Molecular and Cell biology,
- a well-equipped workspace in an active international team,
- supportive mentoring and a well-equipped laboratory,
• successful candidates will be awarded a PhD,
• company pension scheme (VBL),
• numerous offers of university sports,
• very good transport connections or the possibility to purchase a VRS major customer ticket or to use inexpensive parking facilities,
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• salary according to salary group 13 TV-L.

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If you are interested in this position, please send your application documents including cover letter, curriculum vitae and certificates by 30.04.2021 in a single PDF file by e-mail to kplacek@uni-bonn.de. Please address any questions regarding the position described to Dr. Katarzyna Placek at the same address.