

The Research Group of Plant Ecological Genomics of the Department for Botany and Biodiversity Research (3rd District, Vienna) at the University of Vienna, Austria is recruiting a

Lab Technical Assistant in Molecular Biology

A 5-years position funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) is immediately available in a research project on the evolution of wild polyploid orchids (see www.botanik.univie.ac.at/systematik/projects/dactylorhiza/). Our exciting research makes use of an array of state-of-the-art genomic and epigenomic techniques. Apart from optimizing and performing parts of laboratory protocols, the Assistant will take care of orders and lab equipment. S/he will also maintain databases of protocols and samples.

We are looking for a highly motivated candidate that searches for exciting research opportunities and has an excellent record. The successful candidate is expected to have a degree in a related discipline (e.g., molecular biology, biochemistry) and to be able to demonstrate some previous experience with molecular laboratory duties. Previous experience with RNA work and/or NGS library preparation will be considered as an important advantage. The Assistant should be willing to learn continuously new methodologies with the support of the rest of the team. S/he is expected to have outstanding organization and communication skills, and to be able to work in a multinational team. The working language in our laboratory is English; German skills are therefore not essential, but they are highly desirable. The position offers a competitive salary (according to experience min. €27,000 per year before tax for full time, including social and health security), and opportunities for career development/further training. If preferable for the candidate, 30 hours a week employment is also possible.

To be considered please send your application per email to ovidiu.paun@univie.ac.at including your CV, a cover letter explaining why would this job fit your qualifications, experience and expectations (up to two pages), and the names and contacts of three referees. Please note: Incomplete applications will not be considered. Screening of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. The latest preferred start date is June 1st, 2014.