Job vacancy

The Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut is one of the world's leading research institutes in the fields of animal diseases, animal welfare, animal husbandry, animal nutrition and farm animal genetics. It is part of the Federal Minister of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity and informs and advises the federal government on these topics.

At the Institute of Animal Welfare and Animal Husbandry in Neustadt am Rübenberge with a newly built, modern animal husbandry center, the permanent full-time position is available at the earliest possible date of a

Research Scientist (m/w/d)

Main responsibilities:

The successful candidate will undertake research tasks in the field of pig welfare and housing, in particular for weaner and rearing pigs. The successful candidate will play an active role at the EU Centre for Animal Welfare – Pigs (https://eurcaw-pigs.eu/). In addition, the focus is on independent research into the further development of animal-friendly and sustainable husbandry systems. Responsibilities also include acquiring and coordinating third-party funded projects, publishing research results, actively participating in scientific panels, and writing scientific opinions on pig farming topics.

Requirements:

- Degree and PhD in Agricultural Sciences, Veterinary Medicine, Biology or a related field
- Proven scientific expertise and knowledge in research on husbandry and welfare of pigs (weaners and rearing pigs), in particular on the requirements for animal husbandry that are derived from the animals' behaviour
- Experience in publishing in international peer-reviewed journals

Additional qualifications:

- Experience in conducting animal experimental studies (incl. relevant qualifications)
- Experience in acquiring and coordinating third-party funding
- Work experience in several scientific research groups
- Willingness and interest in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary collaboration
- An interest in research questions relating to organic pig farming
- Experience in supervising PhD students and managing staff

An independent workflow, a high intrinsic motivation and resilience, strong communication skills as well as the willingness to travel for several days (driver's license) are mandatory.

In addition to a challenging and varied job in a scientifically interesting and interdisciplinary environment, we offer you:

- a permanent full-time employment (39 hours /week)
- an employment based on the Collective Agreement for Public Services (Tarifvertrag des öffentlichen Dienstes - TVÖD-Bund West) up to remuneration groups 14 TVöD- Bund West
- an excellent research infrastructure including a modern IT environment
- working in a highly motivated team

Our institute is committed to a family-friendly working environment by offering flexible working hours as well as the basic possibility of part-time employment. Our social benefits include company health and reintegration management, company social counseling, company pension plans and capital-forming benefits. The location of the Institute for Animal Welfare and Animal Husbandry in Neustadt a. Rbge. is well connected to public transport and supports the “Deutschlandjobticket”.

We are a diverse and cosmopolitan community. In keeping with our international orientation, we welcome applications from people of all nationalities and ethnicities. A sound knowledge of English (fluent spoken and written) is essential for the successful performance of this role. You should have a business-level command of German (C1).

The Friedrich Loeffler Institute is committed to inclusion. Applications from people with severe disabilities are therefore expressly encouraged. They will be given priority in the selection process.

The FLI aims to increase the proportion of women in leadership positions and explicitly encourages women to apply. In cases of equal qualifications, women will be given preferential consideration in accordance with § 8 of the Federal Employment Act (BGleiG).

For further details please contact apl. Prof. Dr. Schrader at +49 170 3078978, or by e-mail to lars.schrader@fli.de.

We look forward to receiving your application, which should include a motivation letter, a CV, a publication record, a research statement and relevant certificates. Please submit your meaningful application by 31st January 2027 as a single PDF document by E-mail to 128.26@fli.de with the subject "Position 128/26".

Please note that incomplete documents may lead to exclusion from the application procedure.

A confirmation of receipt and further communication will be sent by e-mail. Please check your spam filter settings!