

PART-TIME TECHNICIAN POSITION IN DROSOPHILA GENETICS

A technician position in *Drosophila* genetics is available in the group of Thomas Flatt at the University of Veterinary Medicine (Department of Biomedical Research, Institute of Population Genetics), Vienna, Austria. The position is funded for at least two years.

We are seeking a well trained technician with good social and organizational skills. The successful applicant should have prior laboratory experience with basic molecular biology techniques and genetics, a strong work ethic, and the ability to work independently. A degree in biology or a related field would be a plus. Applicants with experience in *Drosophila* maintenance and genetics would be highly desirable and will be given preference. The working language in the laboratory is English, so the candidate should be proficient in spoken and written English. German skills, although helpful, are not essential. The initial appointment will be made for 6 months, with a possible extension to up to two years. The annual salary is 17,016 Euro (before tax) for part-time work (24 hours per week). The position is available as of October 2010.

The responsibilities of the technician will include: assisting in the daily operation and maintenance of the lab; ordering supplies; preparing reagents and fly food media; and maintaining fly stock. Depending on the applicants' skill set, bench and lab work might include standard molecular biology procedures such DNA and RNA extraction, PCR, RT-PCR, cloning, fly genetics, and immunohistology. Prior experience in performing Western and Northern blots would be a plus.

To apply for this position, please send your application, including a cover letter, as a single pdf file to the following email address: thomas.flatt@vetmeduni.ac.at For further information see our website (http://i122server.vu-wien.ac.at/pop/Flatt_website/flatt_home.html).

The deadline for submission is 30 August 2010.

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