Scientist/BRC manager in training for coordinating and developing R&D activities and management of the BCCM/ULC cyanobacteria collection

Last application date: 27/09/2022
Department: Life Sciences
Contract: Limited duration
Degree: Master degree in Sciences: Biology, or a discipline that is declared admissible by the selection committee, or an equivalent degree
Occupancy rate: 100%
Vacancy Type: Research staff

Job description

The ULC collection is one of 7 decentralized biological resource centres integrated within the Belgian Coordinated Collections of Microorganisms (BCCM) (http://bccm.belspo.be/). The consortium with complementary expertise offers high quality microbial and genetic resources as well as a broad-ranging service portfolio and scientific expertise for industry and academia. BCCM runs a multi-site ISO 9001 quality management system. The ULC collection is specialised in cyanobacteria (http://bccm.belspo.be/about-us/bccm-ulc)

Your tasks:

- Contribute to the development of a portfolio of basic/applied research within the culture collection based on external funding sources, as well as scientific services to the customer community, with a focus on genomics. This involves applying for external funding, writing scientific papers based on materials from the collection and identifying market trends for new services.
- Support the technical staff in daily collection activities and client contacts
- Ensure a good communication internally and with the clients,
- Actively participate in the day-to-day working of the overall BCCM consortium and its working groups, including regular contacts with the managers of the other BCCM collections.
- Grow into the function of BRC manager, responsible for the good functioning of the collection, for example, concerning the administrative, technical, and scientific tasks,
the management of the infrastructure and work environment in compliance with the Quality Management System, and the applicable international regulations.

Profile of the candidate

- You hold a Master degree in Sciences: Biology, or a discipline that is declared admissible by the selection committee, or an equivalent degree. This means that, if your Master degree is issued by a non-European institution, you will have to obtain a recognition of equivalence by the French speaking community before the start of the appointment (see https://www.belgium.be/fr/formation/international/ diplomes/equivalence). The degree requirements need to be fulfilled at the start of your appointment.
- You have already conducted research within the field of the biology, biotechnology or ecology of cyanobacteria, algae or other microorganisms, with a focus on genomics, as proven by scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals, patents,….
- A practical experience in the isolation, cultivation, characterization and/or preservation of strains is an asset.
- You have good communication skills and have a very good knowledge of written and spoken French and English.
- You are proficient in the use of usual informatic applications.
- You combine being a team player with a strong sense of autonomy, responsibility, and initiative.

About the University of Liège

The University of Liège (ULiège) is fully part of the European and International higher education and research area. Offering a diversified educational offer in the French speaking part of Belgium, ULiège has links with over 1.000 institutions worldwide and is integrated in international academic and scientific networks. ULiège obtained the 3 labels of the European Commission: ECTS, Diploma Supplement et HR Strategy for Researchers.

In numbers, ULiège represents (2022):
- More than 28.000 students (a quarter of international origin, 124 nationalities),
- More than 5.600 employees (about 700 of international origin),
- 3.200 professors and researchers,
- 2.281 research contracts, 105 spin-offs, over 1300 patents.

How to apply

All applications must be received no later than 27/09/2022 at 23:59 (CET) at awilmotte@ulg.ac.be with the following documents attached as one file:
- application letter
- CV
- a transcript of the required degree
- an overview of your relevant scientific publications
- the contact addresses and emails of two reference persons.
You will get a confirmation e-mail when we have received your application.

What we can offer you

We offer you a temporary contract of 6 months which will be prolonged following a positive evaluation up to 3 years. Your appointment will happen as early as possible. Your remuneration will be determined according to official salary scales based on your experience. Note that the budget does not allow for a post-doctoral salary scale.

All University of Liège staff members enjoy a number of benefits, such as 35 days of paid leave, a wide range of training and education opportunities, bicycle commuting reimbursement, etc. A complete overview of all our fringe benefits can be found on our website. Attention: Late applications are not accepted. As the University of Liège maintains an equal opportunities and diversity policy, everyone is encouraged to apply for this position.

More information

For more information about this vacancy, please contact Dr Annick Wilmotte (awilmotte@uliege.be, 04/366.33.87).