

Job advertisement no. 055/2024

The Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research (HZI), Innovation Management and Technology Transfer, is looking for an

**Employee / Innovation Officer (m/f/d)
PATENTS
in the life sciences**

As a member of the Helmholtz Association, the Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research GmbH (HZI), Germany's largest non-university infection research centre, conducts cutting-edge research in the field of infectious diseases. Our scientists develop novel methods and strategies to fight infectious diseases faster and more effectively. Our common goal is to develop novel approaches for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of infectious diseases. Bacterial and viral pathogens, their interaction with the human immune system and new effective active substances and vaccines are at the centre of our research.

The Innovation Management (IMM) staff department supports the transfer of technology and knowledge at the HZI. For us, transfer means that science-based expertise is put to practical use outside the scientific community. The IMM team advises and supports researchers at the HZI in the identification and utilisation of research results, from industrial property rights to licensing and spin-offs.

Responsibilities:

- Management and evaluation of the patent portfolio as well as support and counselling of scientists in patent-relevant exploitation activities at the HZI and its sites
- Evaluation and processing of invention disclosures
- Coordination of patent proceedings in close cooperation with patent law firms
- IP counselling for HZI scientists and inventors
- Support with CDAs, MTAs, industry collaborations and license agreements
- Support and advice for spin-off projects from a patent law perspective
- Implementation and further development of processes and preparation of reports

Requirements:

- University degree in the natural or life sciences or in business administration or law
- Professional experience in patent management and coordination of patent procedures (in industry, in a patent law firm or in a research institution)
- Experience in innovation management at a university/research institution or in industry
- Expertise in patent and employee invention law
- Experience in negotiating MTAs, CDAs, cooperation and licence agreements with industry with regard to IP regulations
- Expertise and experience in the use and exploitation of research results under patent law
- Experience in the start-up and innovation environment with practical knowledge of spin-off, innovation and transfer projects
- Personal initiative and structured work
- Fluent German and business fluent English skills

Advantageous for this position:

- Knowledge of the life sciences research and transfer areas

We offer you:

- An attractive and varied job in a future-oriented research institute with an international environment at the Science Campus South in Braunschweig
- A state-of-the-art infrastructure and the latest technologies
- Flexible working hours, part-time models as well as home office
- A corporate culture of appreciation and promotion of equal opportunities
- Extensive training and continuing education opportunities to develop professional knowledge and personal skills
- A family office to support family and career as well as childcare offers
- Interesting additional public service benefits
- Possible subsidy of the job-ticket

People with severe disabilities and equivalent professional qualifications who are suitable for the position are given preference. In order to protect your rights, we ask you to provide us with a clearly recognizable reference to the existence of a degree of severe disability in your cover letter or resume.

The HZI is actively committed to equality, diversity and integration. For this reason, the HZI pursues the goal of professional equality between women and men. The position is suitable for part-time work.

Starting date:	As soon as possible, initially limited to 6 years
Salary:	E13 TVöD Bund
Working time:	39 hours per week
Place of work:	Braunschweig
Probation period:	6 months
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Closing date:	03.07.2024

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How to apply:

When sending us your application documents, **please confirm** that you have read our privacy policy and that you agree to the processing of your personal data. Please use the text module in our [privacy policy](#) for this purpose. **Without these declarations we cannot consider or process your application** and will immediately delete any application documents already received after the application deadline.

Please include a cover letter, resume, (employment) references, certificates, and (if available) work samples or reference projects with your application materials. Please refrain from sending a photo.

Please send your complete application, quoting the **reference number 055/2024**, to the Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research GmbH, Human Resources Department, Inhoffenstr. 7, 38124 Braunschweig, Germany or by [e-mail](#). If you send your application in electronic form, please provide a **summary in one single (1) pdf document**.

We look forward to receiving your application!