

The Max Planck Institute for Brain Research (MPI for Brain Research) in Frankfurt/Main is a vibrant research institution in the field of basic biological and medical research, with a focus on understanding the functions of the brain's circuits. Our institute has approx. 300 employees in three research departments and four research groups, as well as several service units.

The Imaging facility and the Department of Neural Systems and Coding (Director: Prof. Dr. Gilles Laurent) are looking for a

Technician (BTA/MTA) (m/f/d)

starting from April 1st 2020, in fulltime, initially limited for two years

Your responsibilities:

The range of tasks of the technician is very broad, with the main focus on sample preparation for both electron and light microscopy. In addition, you will participate in the routine work of the imaging facility, such as microscope maintenance (no prior experience required). All tasks will be conducted as part of a team of researchers in the institute in order to improve and adapt the methods and protocols.

Your profile:

- Professional training as technician (BTA/MTA), or a related qualification
- Good training in sample preparation techniques (fixation, sectioning, staining), molecular biology techniques and good laboratory practice
- Previous experience in sample preparation for electron microscopy is highly desired
- Experience with light microscopes is advantageous but not essential
- The motivation and ability to learn new techniques (such as tissue clearing, tissue staining or the handling of advanced microscopes) are essential
- Good command of the English language is required

We are looking for:

A highly motivated and responsible candidate with strong team spirit, who has an interest in the biological questions we are addressing and who enjoys working in a dynamic international scientific context.

We offer:

- An initial, fixed-term contract of two years, with the possibility for extension to the permanent contract
- Position with payment according to German TVöD (Collective Wage Agreement for Government Service Workers - Federal Government) with all benefits of the public service
- A highly interactive atmosphere and support within an international and collaborative researcher team
- A corporate pension plan
- A state-of-the-art technical infrastructure



- Education and training
- Family service (in house baby and kids room, on-campus child day care center)
- In house Cafeteria and Bistro
- Corporate Health Management (e.g. sport courses)
- Free parking on the institute's premises

The Max-Planck Society is committed to increasing the number of individuals with disabilities in its workforce and therefore encourages applications from such qualified individuals. Furthermore, the Max Planck Society seeks to increase the number of women in those fields where they are underrepresented and therefore explicitly encourages women to apply.

The compatibility of work and family is very important to us; we offer the possibility of childcare in the kindergarten Kairos close to our institute. Further information can be found on our homepage: www.brain.mpg.de.

Please send your full application, including a letter of motivation explaining how your qualifications and experience make you a good candidate for this job, together with a full CV, a reference letter (if available) and related certificates electronically as a single pdf file by **March 15th** to the Max Planck Institute for Brain Research, Personnel Department, Max-von-Laue-Str. 4, 60438 Frankfurt. Email: HR@brain.mpg.de

