

The Chair for Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Chemistry at the Institute for Pharmacy and Food Chemistry at the Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg (JMU), Germany, is inviting applications for a

PhD Position in Pharmaceutical/Medicinal Chemistry (m/f/d).

The contract can start as of January 1st 2027 and will be fixed-term for an initial period of three years. The position is part time (50%), and remuneration will be according to the Tarifvertrag für den öffentlichen Dienst der Länder (collective agreement for the public service of German federal states, TV-L).

The topic will deal with an up-to-date topic of medicinal chemistry, like photopharmacology or compound synthesis and pharmacological evaluation of compounds against neurodegenerative disorders.

The applicant should:

- hold a research Master's degree in Chemistry or in a related subject within the field of Life Sciences;
- alternatively a Pharmacy degree ("2. Staatsexamen" or equivalent),
- have interest in developing and/or applying novel chemical probes to investigate biological functions,
- have sound knowledge of organic chemistry, both in theory and in the lab,
- have a strong interest in interdisciplinary work and commitment to work in Life Sciences,
- be self-motivated and able to work independently,
- and possess good knowledge of English.

The successful candidate will get the opportunity to work in an international team on an up-to-date topic in medicinal chemistry and present the work in an international environment. This can also include a research stay at one of our international collaborators' labs.

The following documents are required for applying for the positions:

- One-page letter of motivation
- CV and degree certificates
- Letter of reference or email address of a putative referee.

Please send your application, preferably via email (PDF format, one file), to:

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Application deadline: August 31st, 2026

We would be happy to answer any questions concerning this position.

The University of Würzburg is an equal opportunity employer. As such, we explicitly encourage applications from qualified women. Severely handicapped applicants will be given preferential consideration in the case of broadly equal suitability, ability, and professional achievements.

Please do not send any original documents to us; only send photocopies. As we need to save costs, we will not be able to return your documents to you. They will be shredded shortly after a hiring decision has been made. If you enclose a postage-paid return envelope, we will return your application documents to you three months after a hiring decision has been made.

