

The [Rudolf Virchow Center for Integrative and Translational Bioimaging](#) (RVZ) is an interdisciplinary research center of the [University of Würzburg](#) (Bavaria, Germany) located at the heart of the medical campus of the University Hospital. It has a strong focus on biomedical research and imaging in the widest sense, ranging from the atomic and molecular scale to the tissue and organ level. Scientists at the RVZ use state-of-the-art technologies to investigate molecules that regulate key cellular functions with the overall aim to advance our understanding of the aetiology, diagnosis or treatment of diseases.

We are inviting applications for a

Junior Group Leader (f/m/d) in Microbiology

Appointments will be made for a period of up to five years starting Jan 1st, 2024, with a mid-term evaluation after 2.5 years. The remuneration package comprises a competitive salary depending on training and experience (according to [salary agreement TV-L](#)), a comprehensive pension scheme, medical, educational and other social benefits.

Position overview

You will lead a group to pursue an original research program in microbiology, preferentially using advanced imaging methods. Your group will be funded by the Bavarian Distinguished Professorship Programme, which supports the newly created chair on [“High resolution optical microscopy”](#) headed by Prof. Christophe Zimmer.

In general, the RVZ appoints group leaders early in their career and provides them with a supportive, collaborative environment and a competitive package.

You are expected to conduct independent research, but also to collaborate with and complement ongoing research activities at the center.

Qualifications

- A PhD in microbiology or a related field
- A distinguished track record of research accomplishments, typically demonstrated by high-profile publications
- A collaborative mindset with a keen interest in interdisciplinary research
- Excellent communication skills

Why join us

The RVZ is an inclusive, equal opportunity employer offering attractive conditions and benefits commensurate with an internationally leading biomedical research institute with a very cooperative and family-friendly working environment. We are embedded in a stimulating environment that includes the Helmholtz Institute for RNA-based Infection Research, the Max Planck Research Group in Systems Immunology, the Institute of Molecular Infection Biology and the Research Center for Infectious Diseases, the Biocenter, and the University Hospital in Würzburg. The university furthermore offers comprehensive administrative and practical support, e.g. the Welcome Centre (moving to Würzburg), the International Office, the Family Services as well as the JMU Research

Academy (professional support and development - see www.uni-wuerzburg.de/en/rvz/news/jobs-and-career/). JMU also offers an excellent childcare facility. The RVZ is committed to achieving gender balance and strongly encourages applications from women. Disabled applicants will be considered preferentially in case of equivalent qualifications. Appointment will be based on merit alone.

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Application

Candidates should submit their application preferably via email to

personal@virchow.uni-wuerzburg.de as a single PDF including, in this order:

- A cover letter outlining your motivation for applying and how your profile aligns with the position (1 page).
- A CV highlighting research achievements, leadership roles, and collaborations
- A complete list of publications highlighting five key publications and including concise statements about their significance and your contributions
- A 3-page research project that concisely describes the background and status of the questions to be addressed, the experimental strategies and methods that will be employed as well as the ultimate goals.
- Contact information for at least three references

We very much look forward to receiving your application.

Deadline: October 15th, 2023

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