



The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) is the national institute which prepares expert reports and opinions on questions of food, feed and chemical safety and consumer health protection in Germany on the basis of internationally recognised scientific assessment criteria. It advises the Federal Government and other institutions and interest groups in these areas. The BfR conducts independent research on topics that are closely linked to its assessment tasks. It is an institution with legal capacity within the portfolio of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL).

In the department Biological Safety of the BfR is in the unit “Product Hygiene and Disinfection Strategies” - subject to the release of funds - from 1/5/2022 as part of the research project “BruceFit4Infect” temporary to fill the following position for 1.5 years:

## Research Associate with expertise in *in vitro* infection models (f/m/d)

Reference number: 3015/2022 | Salary group 13 TVöD

Part-time employment is possible.

### Tasks:

- Planning and implementation of experiments as part of the research project:  
Investigation of the interaction of potentially zoonotic pathogens with eukaryote host cells and environmentally associated protozoa using microbiological, molecular biological and imaging (fluorescence microscopy) methods
- Organisation and implementation of cell culture work and infection experiments (*in vitro* / *in cellulo*)
- Laboratory work with pathogens at security levels 1 and 2
- Creation of genetically modified organisms
- Literature research, data analysis and scientific manuscript and report writing, as well as presentation of study results at national and international congresses

### Requirements:

- Degree university degree (master's, diploma or similar university degree) in biology, biochemistry, molecular biology, veterinary medicine or a similar subject, doctorate preferred
- Several years of scientific laboratory experience required
- Proven experience in cell culture work / techniques required
- Experience in handling human pathogenic organisms required
- Experience in handling macrophages or pathogens (e.g. protozoa and intracellular bacteria) at security level 2 is an advantage

- Knowledge and practical experience with fluorescence microscopy and genetic engineering work is an advantage
- Proven scientific publication and lecture experience in the field of microbiological or infection-biological issues
- Strong sense of responsibility as well as a high degree of willingness to learn, communication skills and a result and resource-oriented approach to working
- Very good knowledge of spoken and written English required, knowledge of German preferred
- Good computer skills (MS Office, databases, web-based internet research, microscopy software), flexibility, the ability to work in a team and the ability to work under pressure, as well as the willingness to travel on business are required

#### What we can offer you:

- Flexible working hours without fixed working hours
- 30 days' annual leave (5-day week) plus 24 and 31 December as non-working days
- Mobile working options
- Very good connection to the public transport network
- Extensive training opportunities
- Job ticket
- VBL company pension
- Capital accumulation benefits
- Employee welfare (AWO) family service

The place of employment is Berlin.

#### Application process:

Interviews are expected to be held in the 22<sup>nd</sup> calendar week (31/5/2022).

Does this position appeal to you?

[Apply Online](#)

Then please apply by **19. May 2022** via our online system.

Please address any questions in connection with the application process to [bewerbung@bfr.bund.de](mailto:bewerbung@bfr.bund.de).

**– Please do not send any applications to this email address –**

If you cannot apply online, please send a postal application to [Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung / Personalreferat / Max-Dohrn-Str. 8-10 / 10589 Berlin](#)

#### Please address any questions about the area of responsibility to:

Prof. Al Dahouk

Tel.: +49 30 18412-24700

You will find more information on our homepage: [www.bfr.bund.de/de/stellenanzeigen](http://www.bfr.bund.de/de/stellenanzeigen)

*The BfR welcomes applications from people of all nationalities.*

*The BfR is an innovative scientific institute offering family-friendly working conditions. For which the BfR was awarded the "audit berufundfamilie®" (work and family) certificate. The BfR guarantees equal career opportunities for women and men. In the case of equal suitability, severely disabled applicants will be given preferential consideration and are only required to have a minimum level of physical suitability.*

