

INDEPENDENT JUNIOR RESEARCH GROUP LEADER

Botanical Institute and Cluster of Excellence on Plant Sciences (CEPLAS)

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With approximately 50,000 students, the University of Cologne is one of the largest universities in Germany and ranks among the Excellence Universities. It employs over 600 professors and 7,000 academic and non-academic staff.

CEPLAS is developing innovative strategies for improvement of sustainable crop production. The cluster, which was funded within the second funding line of the Excellence Initiative, is a joint initiative of the University of Cologne and Heinrich-Heine University Düsseldorf, of the Max Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research as well as of the Forschungszentrum Jülich. The Botanical Institute and Cluster of Excellence on Plant Sciences at the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences of the University of Cologne invites applicants for the position of an Independent Junior Research Group Leader.

YOUR TASKS

- » to develop an internationally competitive research programme complementing the activities at Botanical Institute and aligning with the research objectives of the Cluster of Excellence on Plant Sciences (CEPLAS)
<https://www.ceplas.eu/en/research/scientific-concept/>

YOUR PROFILE

- » outstanding applicant with maximum 5 years of postdoctoral research experience in plant sciences
- » PhD degree in a relevant field
- » proven track record of scientific productivity
- » evidence for successful obtaining of third party funding
- » experience in supervising other scientists is desirable

WE OFFER YOU

- » funding for the postholder with a researcher position at doctoral level, as well as administrative support and fixed annual consumables
- » a diverse and fair working environment
- » support in reconciling work and family life
- » flexible working time models
- » extensive advanced training opportunities
- » occupational health management offers
- » local transport ticket at a discount for UoC employees

The position is available from 1st January 2019 on a fulltime basis. It is initially limited to 3 years with an option for additional 2 years subjected to progress evaluation. If the applicant meets the relevant wage requirements and personal qualifications, the salary is based on remuneration group 14 TV-L of the pay scale for the German public sector.

The University of Cologne promotes equal opportunities and diversity in its employment relations. Women are strongly encouraged to apply and given priority in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz – LGG NRW). We strongly welcome applications from individuals with severe disabilities or people of equivalent status. Severely disabled applicants of equal merit and qualifications will be given priority.

Please send your application including a letter of motivation with statement on proposed research and further documents (CV, publication list, information on external funding, academic achievements and honors). Applications should be submitted as a single pdf document with the reference number WISS1807-15 no later than August 15, 2018 to Prof. Stanislav Kopriva, skopriva@uni-koeln.de.