

Scientist/curator for coordinating and developing R&D activities and management of the cyanobacteria collection

Last application date : 07/09/2017

Department : Life Sciences

Contract: Limited duration

Degree : Master degree in Sciences: Biology, or a discipline that is declared admissible by the selection committee, or an equivalent degree

Occupancy rate : 100%

Vacancy Type: Research staff

Job description

The ULC collection is one of 7 decentralized biological resource centers integrated within the Belgian Coordinated Collections of Microorganisms (BCCM) (<http://bccm.belspo.be/>). The consortium with complementary expertise offers high quality microbial and genetic resources as well as a broad-ranging service portfolio and scientific expertise for industry and academia. BCCM runs a multi-site ISO 9001 quality management system. The ULC collection is specialised in cyanobacteria (<http://bccm.belspo.be/about-us/bccm-ulc>).

Your tasks:

- Day-to-day management of the biological material of the collection. This includes contributing to and supervising the implementation of the high standard of the collection in terms of diversity and quality of strains, their characterization and supporting resources (molecular, physiological, ecological, biotechnological)
- Contribute to the development of a portfolio of basic/applied research within the culture collection based on external funding sources, as well as scientific services to the customer community. This involves applying for external funding and writing scientific papers based on materials from the collection
- Support the technical staff in daily collection activities and client contacts
- Actively participate in the day-to-day working of the overall BCCM consortium and its working groups, including regular contacts with the curators of the other BCCM collections

Profile of the candidate

- You hold a Master degree in Sciences: Biology, or a discipline that is declared admissible by the selection committee, or an equivalent degree. This means that, if

your Master degree is issued by a non-European institution, you will have to obtain a recognition of equivalence by the French speaking community before the start of the appointment (see

<https://www.belgium.be/fr/formation/international/diplomes/equivalence>). The degree requirements need to be fulfilled at the start of your appointment

- You have already conducted research within the field of the biology, biotechnology or ecology of cyanobacteria, algae or other microorganisms as proven by scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals, awards, patents,....
- You have practical experience in the isolation, cultivation, characterization and/or preservation of strains
- You have good communication skills and have a very good knowledge of written and spoken English
- You combine being a team player with a strong sense of autonomy, responsibility and initiative

About University of Liège

The University of Liege (ULg) is fully part of the European and International higher education and research area. Offering a diversified educational offer in the French speaking part of Belgium, ULg has links with over 1.000 institutions worldwide and is integrated in international academic and scientific networks.

In numbers, ULg represents (2016):

More than **23.000** students (a quarter of international origin, **132** nationalities),

- More than **5.500** employees (about 700 of international origin)
- **3.200** professors and researchers,
- **20** international research centres,
- **98** spin-offs representing a **150** million € turnover and **1500** jobs,
- Over **700** patents
- Etc.

How to apply

All applications must be received no later than 07/09/2017 at 23:59 (CET) at awilmotte@ulg.ac.be with the following documents attached as one file:

- application letter
- CV
- a transcript of the required degree
- an overview of your relevant scientific publications
- the contact addresses and emails of two reference persons

You will get a confirmation e-mail when we have received your application.

What we can offer you

We offer you a temporary contract of 6 months which will be prolonged following a positive evaluation. Your appointment will start by 01/10/2017 at the earliest.

Your remuneration will be determined according to official salary scales on the basis of your experience. Note that the budget does not allow for a post-doctoral salary scale.

All University of Liège staff members enjoy a number of benefits, such as 35 days of paid leave, a wide range of training and education opportunities, bicycle commuting reimbursement, etc. A complete overview of all our fringe benefits can be found on our website.

Attention: Late applications are not accepted. As the University of Liège maintains an equal opportunities and diversity policy, everyone is encouraged to apply for this position.

More information

For more information about this vacancy, please contact Dr Annick Wilmotte (awilmotte@ulg.ac.be, 04/366.38.56).

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