

Workshop for future Junior Group Leaders (f/m) “Careers in plant science”

Call for applications

IPK Gatersleben, a member of the Leibniz Association, is a large internationally leading centre of fundamental and application-oriented plant research. It currently hosts 29 research groups with ~500 employees that use cutting-edge plant cultivation and phenotyping facilities, comprehensive top-level analytical platforms, and powerful IT-infrastructures and bioinformatics resources to gain novel insights regarding *Genome Diversity, Evolution and Dynamics, Plant Performance and Adaptation, and Resources and Approaches for Crop Plant Improvement*. A central goal is to promote the knowledge-based use of plant-genetic resources to enhance agricultural productivity and sustainability.

We seek talented, dynamic, and motivated scientists prepared to start their own independent careers, who plan to apply for independent funding (for instance the Emmy Noether-Program, Sofja Kovalevskaja Award or ERC starting grant) in order to set up an Independent Research Group at the IPK to explore innovative fields in plant sciences. Members of the institute will provide scientific and administrative support during the application process. The Independent Research Group will receive additional in-house support and will have full access to all necessary infrastructures.

We will host a two-day workshop in September 2018 with representatives from the DFG and the ERC contact points to give insights into the application process. To identify candidates with high chances of success and research interests matching those of the IPK, we invite you to apply for this workshop. Outstanding individuals with an excellent track record in relation to their career level and with convincing future research plans will be considered for invitation.

Your profile

- A PhD degree in Life-Sciences or related disciplines and postdoctoral experience in plant-related research
- Excellent command in spoken and written English
- A strong interest in pursuing crop science including fundamental research
- A strong scientific publication record

We offer you

- An exciting two-day workshop program
- The perspective to join a world-class research center with state-of-the-art facilities and scientists from all over the world
- A friendly and productive working atmosphere
- The IPK covers the costs related to the workshop (travel, accommodation)

For further information to the workshop, please contact **Dr. Susann Deike** deike@ipk-gatersleben.de.

Your application should include

- A cover letter explaining your motivation of joining the Institute
- A Curriculum Vitae including your publication list
- A statement of scientific achievements
- A maximum two page summary of your future research plans

Evaluation process

Please submit your full application as one single PDF-Document to jobs@ipk-gatersleben.de before **17th June 2018**, which will then be evaluated by a panel composed of scientists of the IPK.

What you need to know

The IPK is striving to increase the proportion of women in sectors where they are underrepresented and therefore explicitly encourages qualified women to apply. Applications from disabled candidates or those with additional needs are welcome.