

TECHNICIAN – CHEMICAL BIOLOGY – NEUROPEPTIDE RESEARCH

Position Title:	Technician – Chemical Biology
Organisation Unit:	Faculty of Chemistry Institute of Biological Chemistry Neuropeptide Research Group (A/Prof. Muttenthaler)
Type of Employment:	Part-time (>20h) or full-time (40h)
Further Information:	Application deadline 1 st of November 2019 www.neuropeptidelab.com

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Organisational Environment

The **Department of Chemistry** with its young and diverse faculty offers a highly attractive environment for young researchers from around the world starting at the level of PhD students and postdocs towards junior group leaders that establish their own research field here. It is one of the largest postgraduate training centres in Austria and this highly intellectual and well-equipped environment is complemented by strong career development programs of the University of Vienna and other research organisations in Vienna.

The advertised position will be part of **Neuropeptide Research Group at the Institute of Biological Chemistry**. The Institute of Biological Chemistry is a centre for peptide and protein chemistry established in 2011. It is part of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Vienna with a strong link to the Medical University of Vienna (Centre for Physiology and Pharmacology), the Max F. Perutz Laboratories with their focus on Molecular and Structural Biology, and the Department of Food Chemistry and Toxicology. Together these departments form an outstanding environment for research at the interface of synthetic chemistry, molecular biology, pharmacology and medicine.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

A talented technician with experience in chemical biology, pharmacology and molecular biology is sought to join the Neuropeptide Research Group at the Institute of Biological Chemistry at the University of Vienna. The group is focused on the exploration of nature's biodiversity to develop molecular probes and discover novel therapeutic leads with applications in pain, cancer, memory, autism, gastrointestinal disorders and neurodegenerative diseases. The successful applicant will be involved in the pharmacological characterisation of molecular probes and therapeutic leads, management of cell cultures, recombinant peptide/protein expression and chemical peptide synthesis.

Duties

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Research Duties

- Pharmacological and biophysical characterisation of peptide ligands
- Cell culture management and various bioassays
- Recombinant protein/peptide expression and/or peptide synthesis
- Preparation of reports of experimental findings for publications and presentations
- Liaising with team members to promote the achievement of immediate project goals

Administrative Duties

- Support with administrative tasks
- Chemical purchases, quotes, and equipment maintenance
- Participation at research meetings and maintenance of an accurate lab book
- Any other duties as reasonably directed by your supervisor

Organisational Relationships

The position reports to A/Prof. Markus Muttenthaler.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Essential

- BSc, MSc or Honours in the area of chemical biology, pharmacology, molecular biology or biochemistry
- Demonstrated experience in molecular biology and pharmacology
- Well-developed laboratory and problem-solving skills for bioassays and analysis
- Experience with recombinant expression systems for peptide/protein production
- Ability to work collaboratively with colleagues and across disciplines
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English

Desirable

- Experience in GPCR pharmacology (IP-1, cAMP, binding, BRET, FLIPR assays)
- Gastrointestinal wound healing and stability assays
- Experience with bioactive peptides and solid phase peptide synthesis
- Experience with HPLC and LCMS techniques for peptide purification and analysis
- Natural product discovery techniques (i.e. venom fractionation, plant extractions, etc.)
- Written and verbal communication skills in German

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Please email your application package (cover letter, CV, statement addressing the individual selection criteria, contact details of two referees) to markus.muttenthaler@univie.ac.at with 'Application for Technician - Chemical Biology' in the email subject line.