Openings for Group Leaders in Innovative Biology

Institute of Molecular Genetics, Montpellier, France

The Montpellier Institute of Molecular Genetics (IGMM) - a CNRS centre for basic research – has openings for junior or established group leaders.

IGMM currently hosts 18 teams working on RNA biogenesis, epigenetic regulation, chromatin biology, cell cycle, cancer, cell death, gene expression, virology and immune cell biology (see www.igmm.cnrs.fr). The institute is located on a dynamic campus with 800 scientists in life sciences, including 300 in ecology, and soon 700 more in chemistry with the opening of a new institute.

Candidates must have a solid training and a good publication record. Scientists developing new concepts, innovative methodologies or high-risk projects with strong potential are encouraged to apply. The project should fit within the global themes of IGMM and address a fundamental biological question and/or be positioned at the interface of biology, chemistry, bioinformatics, and medicine. IGMM will back tenure-track applications and offer a financial start-up package including access to state-of-the art technological facilities available on campus. Apply if you are looking for a place where basic science, biomedicine, interdisciplinarity and collegiality are fostered.

Successful candidates are expected to have upon their arrival at IGMM a permanent position at CNRS/INSERM or, alternatively (for junior candidates), meet the criteria to obtain non-permanent funding through ERC or national start-up programs (e.g. ATIP-Avenir).


Montpellier is a dynamic Mediterranean city with an exceptional environment, culture and quality of life. It is home to numerous high quality research institutes, a vibrant 70,000 student population and one of the world’s oldest medical schools (see https://www.montpellier-france.com/).

Application procedure

Motivated candidates should apply online at https://application.igmm.cnrs.fr and upload a curriculum vitae with a summary of main achievements and selected publications (maximum 5 pages), a brief project proposal (maximum 2 pages), and a motivation letter (maximum 2 pages). Applications are welcome and will be evaluated throughout 2019, for starting dates between autumn 2020 and spring 2021. For inquiries about the procedure or IGMM, please contact us at cdg.call@igmm.cnrs.fr.