FULL-TIME ACADEMIC POSITION IN MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY

FACULTY OF SCIENCES

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Start date: 01/11/2020

Job description

The Department of Molecular Biology (DBM) of the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) invites applications for a full-time tenured faculty position to join its multi-disciplinary research and teaching team, starting on 01/11/2020.

Candidates with a PhD degree in Molecular Biology (or related disciplines), an internationally competitive scientific track-record and an innovative research program in a field emphasized by the DBM are invited to apply. We are particularly interested in recruiting candidates investigating biochemistry, molecular biology, molecular microbiology and/or genetics. The candidate should consolidate existing laboratories of the department. Preference will therefore be given to candidates whose research skills will both integrate and complement current departmental strengths (http://www.ulb.ac.be/sciences/dbm/). Nevertheless the successful candidate is expected to develop his/her own line of independent research and to apply to the most competitive external grants funding bodies to support his/her research program (ERC, Welbio, FNRS, Europe, Regional funds, etc...).

The successful candidate will be based at the heart of the University’s Gosselies campus (Brussels South) and will join a robust, vibrant and collaborative community within and outside the department. It encompasses a community of 200-300 researchers as well as 1500 workers in more than 50 biotech start-up companies. The department is provided with up-to-date equipment. In particular the candidate will have ample access to the imaging capacities of the CMMI (Center for Microscopy and Molecular Imaging) and cytometry platform located on the Gosselies campus.

The applicant shall show strong motivation and abilities with respect to teaching and mentoring. Thus he/she will contribute to the teaching activities in a wide range of aspects of modern biology in the Bachelor and Master programs by ensuring both basic and specialty courses. He/she should progressively increase his/her teaching activities to reach a level comparable to that of colleagues within the Faculty (about 80-100 hours/year). Mentoring of undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral researchers is also expected. For candidates not fluent in French, a temporary period of teaching in English may be granted for 3 years, after which he/she is expected to be able to teach in French.

Courses covered at the time of recruitment: classes of all domains of molecular and cellular biology at the Bachelor and Master levels.
Qualifications required:
PhD Degree (with doctoral thesis) in Sciences (Molecular Biology)

Skills required

- Applicants should have at least 4 years of research experience at the time of their recruitment.
- An excellent scientific record.
- Teaching experiences will be taken into account and valued.
- Post-doctoral experience and an excellent scientific record are a plus.
- Mentoring Master and PhD students.
- Exchange periods outside of the applicants’ home institution (during or after their PhD) will be taken into consideration when evaluating applications.
- Applicants who do not speak French (level C1) may be granted a period of adaptation, but they must be able to teach in French at the end of the third year following their appointment.

Interested?

For more information, please contact Dr Luc Vanhamme (telephone: +32 2 650 9664 – E-mail: luc.vanhamme@ulb.ac.be).

Applications must be sent by e-mail to the rectorate of the Université Libre de Bruxelles (recteur@ulb.ac.be) and to the faculty deanship (Aff.acad.sciences@ulb.be).

They must include the following:

- an application letter
- a Curriculum vitae including a list of publications (a template can be downloaded at https://www.ulb.be/fr/documents-officiels/completer-votre-cv-en-ligne)
- any relevant documents showing 4 years of research experience
- a 7,000-character report (4 pages) presenting the applicant’s research activities and a research project, including how these will integrate into ULB’s research teams
- a teaching dossier including a 7,000-character report (4 pages) on the applicant's previous teaching activities and a teaching project for the first five years in this position; these must be relevant to the faculty and to the teaching profiles for the programmes to which the applicant is to contribute
- a note on the applicant’s international achievements and projects (no more than 4 pages)
- the names and e-mail addresses of five referees (respecting the gender balance) who may be contacted by those in charge of evaluating applications. These referees should not have conflicts of interest because of family or emotional ties.

The appointment to the academic staff of ULB is made at “Premier Assistant” level, if the candidate has had a PhD for less than eight years (on 1 October of the year of appointment). If the candidate has had a PhD for eight or more years, on 1 October of the year of appointment, then the appointment is made at “Chargé de Cours” level. As of their appointment, members of academic staff are authorised to use the honorary title of “Professeur”.

By sending in their application, applicants acknowledge they have read and understood the additional information and the regulations relevant to research staff, available at the following address http://www.ulb.ac.be/emploi/academique.html.