

Announcement

Senior Research Fellow - HERPETOLOGIST

In maintaining and extending a specific group of senior research fellowships intended for excellent researchers, the Vrije Universiteit Brussel demonstrates its commitment to pioneering research initiated and carried forward by the curiosity of the individual research worker. The availability of these senior research fellowships is designed not only to encourage research in general but also to broaden the opportunities for a university career in research and to enable the university to implement a staffing policy to this end.

In this context, applications are invited for the post of full time Senior Research Fellow, to be appointed on grounds of personal excellence in a research theme given priority in the University's research policy.

Starting date: 1 October 2012. Terms: The Senior Research Fellow's work will be primarily research, with a maximum of 120 teaching hours per year (i.e. 60 teaching hours per semester).

Contract and duration: Appointment as senior academic staff ('Zelfstandig Academisch Personeel' - ZAP), preferably full time and at least for 80%, with a Senior Research Fellowship for 5 years initially, renewable for a second period of 5 years after positive evaluation. Afterwards possibility for further continuation of the academic career as regular faculty staff.

Topics: Applications should envisage research topics in the following theme: Antimicrobial and bioactive peptide evolution in amphibians Information about research at the VUB in this field may be obtained from the VUB website (<http://www.vub.ac.be/english/infoabout/research/index.php>) or Downloaded from the call's webpage (http://rd-ir.vub.ac.be/en_GB/news/show/id/2009).

Requirements: An excellent research record on the basis of international peer review is the most important selection criterion. As a formal minimum requirement, applicants must hold a PhD awarded on the basis of an original thesis, obtained maximum 12 years before the starting date of the fellowship (for female candidates this maximum period is extended with one year per child, until a maximal extension of 3 years). The call is aimed at researchers whose expertise is internationally recognized after three or more full years of postdoc experience.

Contact person: Professor L. Wyns, Vice-rector responsible for Research (tel. 32-(0)2-629.21.08, fax 32-(0)2-629.36.40, e-mail vicerektor.onderzoek@vub.ac.be).

Applications: - Applicants need to use the specific application form for this vacancy, which may be downloaded from the call's webpage or obtained from the Research & Development Dept (R&D, tel. 32-(0)2-629.21.08). The relevant regulations may be obtained from the same source. - The application should be submitted online or via vicerektor.onderzoek@vub.ac.be, as specified on the call's webpage.

Deadline: Applications should arrive on Monday 20 February 2012 at the latest (local time).

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