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The following permanent position is now available in the “Plants and Mycotoxins” unit of the Food Chain Safety Department at the BfR:

Scientific Officer (f/m/d)

Reference number: 2662/2020 | Pay group 14 TVöD

Part-time employment is possible.

Tasks:

- Drafting, proposing and leading research projects on the further development of mycotoxin and/or plant toxin analysis and their transformation products using targeted and non-targeted mass- spectrometric methods and on the occurrence and behaviour of these substances in the food chain
- Acquisition of third-party funding for corresponding research projects
- Independent development, optimisation and validation of analytical methods as part of National Reference Laboratory (NRL) activities on mycotoxins and plant toxins as well as in research projects
- Publication of scientific findings, writing specialist opinions and reports
- Presentation of results at symposia and international conferences
- Participation in national and international committees and further development of international cooperation
- Supervision of students, doctoral students and international visiting scientists within the framework of research projects and theses

Requirements:

- University degree (master's, diploma (university) or a comparable university degree) in chemistry, food chemistry, or a similar discipline, with an emphasis on analytics, doctorate required, habilitation or similar qualification desirable
- Extensive experience in trace analysis of residues and contaminants (preferably mycotoxins and/or plant toxins) in food and feed using chromatographic and mass spectrometric methods required
- Experience in managing (interdisciplinary) projects with national and international cooperation partners required
- The ability to carry out independent scientific work is expected
- Experience in evaluating complex data using chemometric methods desired
- Proven ability of acquiring external funding (grants, research projects)
- Proven experience in presenting and publishing scientific results is required
- Experience in national and international committee work is desirable
- Research stay abroad advantageous
- Experience in working in accredited laboratories and validation of analytical methods desirable
- Knowledge of consumer health protection is desired
- Very good knowledge of spoken and written English
- Very good computer skills and a conscientious way of working, dedication, flexibility, teamwork and resilience, as well as willingness to travel for work are required

What we can offer you:

- Flexible working hours without core working time
- 30 days' annual leave (based on a 5-day week)
- Mobile working opportunities
- Excellent links to the public transport network
- Wide range of further training opportunities
- Travel pass
- VBL occupational pension
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- AWO-Familienservice/Family Service

The place of employment is Berlin.

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