



The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) is the national institute that prepares expert reports and opinions on questions of food, feed and chemical safety and consumer health protection in Germany on the basis of internationally recognised scientific assessment criteria. It advises the Federal Government and other institutions and interest groups in these areas. The BfR conducts independent research on topics that are closely linked to its assessment tasks. It is an institution with legal capacity within the portfolio of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL).

The following position is immediately available in the unit “Testing and Assessment Strategies Pesticides” in the BfR’s Pesticides Safety department:

Scientific officer for the human health risk assessment of microorganisms used in biopesticides (f/m/x)

Reference number: 3219/2023 | Pay grade A13 BBesO | Application deadline: 26 May 2023 | Place of employment: Berlin

Part-time employment is possible.

The post will be granted on condition that the applicant meets the general civil service law requirements and possesses all the appropriate qualifications. The post can alternatively be filled by a salaried employee (TVöD). Remuneration will be paid in line with the tasks undertaken and the applicant's qualifications.

Tasks:

The BfR is responsible, among other things, for human health protection aspects in the risk assessment of pesticides. The unit's tasks focus on the permanent need to develop and establish new testing and assessment methods and strategies for the health risk assessment of pesticides. The advertised position focuses on the health risk assessment of microbial active substances for use in biopesticides.

Furthermore, the task involves participation in the further development of assessment strategies for the approval of microbial active substances and the authorisation of the corresponding products.

Detailed activities include:

- Assessment of studies and dossiers submitted by applicant companies regarding the health effects of microorganisms and their secondary metabolites and toxins as well as relevant information from the scientific literature in order to derive scientifically sound conclusions in terms of consumer and operator and worker protection
- Participation in the further development of assessment strategies as well as in the preparation of technical guidelines and in the ongoing development of test methods at national and international level; active collaboration in relevant committees and working groups
- Providing scientific advice to the Federal Government and responding to enquiries on the aforementioned topics

- Participation in the conception, scientific monitoring and, if necessary, also implementation of research projects in the field of biopesticides

Requirements:

- Completed university degree (master's, diploma or a comparable university degree) in biology, microbiology, human or veterinary medicine or a comparable bioscientific subject, doctorate desired
- In-depth knowledge and, if applicable, scientific publications in at least one of the following disciplines: bacteriology, mycology, virology desirable.
- Experience in cultivating microorganisms, downstream processing and/or the analysis of microbial secondary metabolites advantageous
- In-depth knowledge of the health risk assessment of pesticides, including legal basis desirable
- Knowledge of the health risk assessment of microorganisms desirable
- Experience in European or international committees desirable
- Additional qualification in toxicology advantageous
- Ability to present complicated scientific facts and contexts in a way that is appropriate for the target audience required
- Very good knowledge of spoken and written German and English is required
- Good IT skills as well as a conscientious approach to work, flexibility, capacity for teamwork, resilience and willingness to travel on business are also required

What we can offer you:

- An exciting and responsible role in a growing departmental research institute
- Flexible working hours without fixed working hours
- 30 days' annual leave (5-day week) plus 24 and 31 December as non-working days
- Additional days-off options via time credits
- Attractive subsidy for company travel ticket/Deutschlandticket Job
- Mobile working options
- Very good connection to the public transport network
- Comprehensive further training opportunities for professional and personal development
- VBL company pension/capital-forming benefits

Application process:

Does this position appeal to you?

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Then please apply by **26 May 2023** via our online system. Please address any questions in connection with the application process to bewerbung@bfr.bund.de.

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