Head of Communications & Partnerships (f/m/x)

The Institute of Molecular Biotechnology (IMBA) and the Gregor Mendel Institute of Molecular Plant Biology (GMI) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW) are amongst the leading basic life sciences institutes in Europe. GMI focuses on basic plant research, whereas IMBA covers topics ranging from genome and RNA biology to the in vitro reconstitution of whole organs and embryos. We are united by a passion to discover molecular principles and mechanisms using cutting-edge technologies and we provide a highly collegial environment. Both institutes are located at the Vienna BioCenter, a dynamic cluster of research institutes, universities, and biotech companies in the heart of Vienna. The working language is English.

We are looking for an experienced and dedicated candidate to join the team as the

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YOUR FUTURE ROLE

• Responsibility for the overall communication (external, internal, crisis) and communication strategy for GMI and IMBA – aligned with the interests of the Institutes, our shareholder (ÖAW), and the Vienna BioCenter
• Communicate the exciting, scientific discoveries made by GMI and IMBA researchers to the world
• Stakeholder management: communication with decision makers (e.g. politicians, ministries, sponsors, grant agencies)
• Press officer for relevant institute topics
• Managing and guiding the team, including personnel development
• Actively advising and supporting the directorate in media positioning and communication; especially during visits & (media) appointments
• Project planning, tracking and evaluation to ensure continued improvement in communication
• Overall responsibility for the team budget

JOB REQUIREMENTS

• University degree in Communications, Public Relations, Life Sciences, or a similar qualification
• Proven work experience as science communicator in a similar environment
• Leadership competence is highly appreciated, but not mandatory
• Scientific background/knowledge is mandatory, preferably in life science
• Excellent communicator: able to communicate at all levels, strong interpersonal skills and ability to foster media relations
• Proactive and passionate personality, self-motivated and flexible
• Structured, well-organized, and productive, highly resilient
• Empathetic, dynamic, hands-on personality with experience in balancing the needs of multiple stakeholders
• Fluent in English and German (written and spoken)

WE OFFER

• Opportunity to work in a dynamic international and family friendly environment with excellent benefits
• Exciting position with room for creativity and innovation

The compensation of this position consists of a gross annual salary of at least € 70,000 – depending on your previous experience. Attractive benefits include a pension provision, subsidized cafeteria, subsidized on-site day care, training and further education fees etc. are also included.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

We are looking forward to receiving your application (English CV & motivation letter incl. salary expectations) over the application dashboard,


Our responsible consultant Martina Tik will contact you immediately after receipt. We kindly ask you to support us in handling your application according to the GDPR regulation more effectively, and refrain from applying via e-mail.