



## TECHNICIAN – BIOTECHNOLOGY

<b>Position Title:</b>	Technician – Biotechnology
<b>Organisation Unit:</b>	Department of Chemistry Institute of Biological Chemistry Neuropeptide Research Group (A/Prof. Muttenthaler)
<b>Type of Employment:</b>	Part-time (>20h) or full-time (40h)
<b>Further Information:</b>	Applications accepted until position filled <a href="http://www.neuropeptidelab.com">www.neuropeptidelab.com</a>

### THE UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA

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### Organisational Environment

The **Department of Chemistry** with its young and diverse faculty offers a highly attractive environment for young researchers from around the world starting at the level of PhD students and postdocs towards junior group leaders that establish their own research field here. It is one of the largest postgraduate training centres in Austria and this highly intellectual and well-equipped environment is complemented by strong career development programs of the University of Vienna and other research organisations in Vienna.

The advertised position will be part of the **Neuropeptide Research Group at the Institute of Biological Chemistry**. The Institute of Biological Chemistry is a centre for peptide and protein chemistry and part of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Vienna with a strong link to the Medical University of Vienna (Centre for Physiology and Pharmacology), the Max F. Perutz Laboratories with their focus on Molecular and Structural Biology, and the Department of Food Chemistry and Toxicology. Together these departments form an outstanding environment for research at the interface of synthetic chemistry, molecular biology, pharmacology and medicine.

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

We seek skilled and ambitious technicians with experience in the areas of recombinant peptide/protein expression, biotechnology, molecular biology and/or chemical biology to join the Neuropeptide Research Lab at the Institute of Biological Chemistry at the University of Vienna. The group focuses on the exploration of Nature's biodiversity to develop advanced molecular probes and discover therapeutic leads for innovations in pain, cancer, gut disorders and neurodegenerative diseases. The successful applicant will support the optimisation of recombinant protein expression in *E. Coli* and yeast for specific proteins of interest (mg to multigram scale) and establish post-expression processing and modification methods. The successful applicant will work within a multidisciplinary team with the long-term aim of establishing a spin-off company.

### Duties

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

#### Research Duties

- Method development and yield optimisation for recombinant protein production
- Protocol optimisation and scale-up to industry standards
- Molecular cloning and plasmid design
- Working together with team members to timely achieve project objectives
- Preparation of research reports and oral presentations

#### Other Duties

- Support with administrative tasks
- Participation at research meetings and maintenance of an accurate lab book
- Equipment maintenance and management
- Any other duties as reasonably directed by your supervisor

### Organisational Relationships

The position reports to A/Prof. Markus Muttenthaler and Dr. Predrag Kalaba

## SELECTION CRITERIA

### Essential

- BSc/MSc in the areas of Biotechnology, Bioengineering, Chemical Biology or Molecular Biology
- Experience with recombinant expression systems for peptide/protein production
- Experience with molecular biology techniques
- Experience with HPLC, FPLC and MS
- Well-developed laboratory and problem-solving skills
- Ability to work collaboratively with colleagues and across disciplines
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English

### Desirable

- Experience with peptide synthesis and characterisation
- Experience with isotope labelling of proteins

## APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Please email your application package (cover letter, CV, statement addressing the individual selection criteria, and contact details of two referees) to [markus.muttenthaler@univie.ac.at](mailto:markus.muttenthaler@univie.ac.at) and [predrag.kalaba@univie.ac.at](mailto:predrag.kalaba@univie.ac.at) with 'Application for Technician – Biotechnology' in the email subject line.