



A new department of Comparative Development and Genetics at the Max Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research (MPIZ) is seeking a

Research assistant

The successful applicant will be involved in research and contribute to lab organization and management under the direction of the Director Prof Miltos Tsiantis.

We are seeking a scientist with a University degree in biology or a related discipline and demonstrable high-level competence in at least one area of core importance to the department such as plant genetics or biological imaging, arising from either work experience in a high level research environment or a period of postgraduate training. Excellent interpersonal and organizational skills are required including outstanding record keeping, good IT literacy, willingness and ability to learn new methodologies and strong communication skills including demonstrable ability to write clearly and concisely in English. The successful applicant will be a strong team player, highly solution oriented and will have a key role in lab management, providing continuity in departmental technical expertise and resources and training of new or junior researchers. Payment and benefits will depend on experience and will be according to the German TVöD scale. The position is initially for 2 years with very good possibilities for longer-term employment subject to a successful evaluation. An appointment will only be made if and when a suitable candidate is identified and applications will be first evaluated during the third week of October.

The application should include a two page CV and letter of motivation and should be submitted electronically as one file to Christiane Wojtera wojtera@mpipz.mpg.de

The Max Planck Society is committed to employing disabled individuals and especially encourages them to apply. The Max Planck Society also seeks to increase the number of women in those areas where they are underrepresented and therefore explicitly encourages women to apply.

The Max Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research (MPIZ) in Cologne (<http://www.mpipz.mpg.de/2169/en>) is one of the world's premier sites committed to basic research and training in plant science. The institute has four science departments, three independent research groups and specialist support, totaling 400 staff including externally funded positions.

