

CALL FOR EXPERT

Job Title Research Officer

Job Location Negotiable

Duration 2 years with the possibility of extension – full-time – 40h/week

Who we are

BBMRI-ERIC is a European research infrastructure for biobanking. We bring together all the main players from the biobanking field – researchers, biobankers, industry, and patients – to boost biomedical research. To that end, we offer quality management services, support with ethical, legal and societal issues, and a number of online tools and software solutions. Ultimately, our goal is to make new treatments possible.

BBMRI-ERIC is an inclusive, equal-opportunity employer offering attractive conditions and benefits appropriate to an international research organisation. Further information on the aims, mission, governance, statutes of BBMRI-ERIC can be found at www.bbmri-eric.eu.

Through our ELSI service, we support the biobanking community by providing services and tools that promote regulatory compliance and best practice, as well as by influencing European policy. Operating the basis of the BBMRI-ERIC federated model, we work in partnership with a network of ethical and legal experts from academia and practice across Europe, coming from our Member and Observer Countries. Our ELSI experts are at the core of any service we provide and any activities we undertake.

Key Responsibilities

We seek a Research Officer via secondment to complement our ELSI team in order to improve our services for the biobanking community. The expert will dedicate most of his/her time to the ELSI Services, especially the ELSI Helpdesk and Knowledge Base. He/she will be the proxy to the ELSI Services Officer. He/she will contribute to working groups and/or task forces to develop practical services and tools or guidance to biobankers and occasionally to the BMS RIs. Moreover, he/she will contribute to activities and tasks that may be both part of BBMRI-ERIC's core services as well as selected EU funded projects (e.g. CY-Biobank).

Requirements

The Research Officer is expected to have a background in ethical, legal and societal aspects in the context of biomedical research, especially biobanks. Previous experience in collaborative, international research projects, private and/or public research organizations is an advantage. Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to liaise with colleagues and stakeholders in an international environment as well as to work in a team are essential. As English is the working language of BBMRI-ERIC, applicants must be fluent in English. The jobholder will be asked from time to time to work outside normal working hours and occasionally to undertake national and/or international travel. We are looking for highly motivated people with at least a Masters or higher, in law, social sciences or bioethics.

Secondment Terms and Conditions

The Call for Expert as Research Officer via secondment is exclusively circulated within the BBMRI-ERIC ELSI network as well as to the BBMRI-ERIC National Nodes.

For the period of the secondment, the Research Officer will be reporting on his/her tasks directly to BBMRI-ERIC's central executive management office in Graz, Austria. The secondment follows the national law of where the expert is based according to the employment contract and requires the acceptance of a secondment to BBMRI-ERIC by the home institution. The secondment is a contract between BBMRI-ERIC and the home institution. A relocation to Graz is not required.

Salary

The expert will receive the same salary from and by his/her home institution.

Application Procedure

For applications to be valid, candidates must submit:

- A Curriculum Vitae [CV] with photo;
- A letter of motivation;
- Supporting documents (for example, certified copies of degrees, references etc.).

Deadline for application: 5th September 2019; anticipated start of work 1st of October 2019.

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In case of any questions on the secondment, please send your application to carmen.cristea@bbmri-eric.eu, by 5 September 2019.
