

The DZNE and DRZE advertises a position as

Junior Research Group “Ethical Issues in Research and Treatment of Neurodegenerative Diseases”

The exploration of neurodegenerative diseases poses severe ethical issues. The German Centre for Neurodegenerative Diseases (DZNE) and the German Reference Centre for Ethics in the Life Sciences (DRZE) have decided to establish a Junior Research Group to examine these issues. The scientific communities at the University of Bonn, the DZNE, and the DRZE provide excellent opportunities for collaboration in the area of medical bioethics, neuroethics and research ethics.

The Junior Research Group will be part of the DZNE (www.dzne.de), an interdisciplinary research centre associated with the Helmholtz-Association. It will be located in Bonn, Germany, with access to the special library on ethics in the life sciences at the research centre DRZE (www.drze.de).

Funding of the Research Group covers a set-up package, the position of the group leader, two PhD positions and one student assistant, plus consumables, and is (initially) for 5 years. The successful candidate should have a profound expertise in ethics, especially medical bioethics, neuroethics and research ethics, as well as experience with interdisciplinary work. Applications should include a CV, a list of publications, a one-page summary of scientific achievements, a two page research plan and two letters of recommendation.

The “Deutsches Zentrum für Neurodegenerative Erkrankungen e.V.” (DZNE) – German Centre for Neurodegenerative Diseases – concentrates the scientific expertise nationwide in the field of neurodegenerative illnesses such as Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s. As the 16th research centre of the Helmholtz Association, the DZNE is immediately apparent as being unique in two ways: First of all, it is not restricted to one location but consists of a network – the core centre in Bonn and, for the time being, six high-performance partner locations in Rostock/Greifswald, Magdeburg, Göttingen, Witten-Herdecke, Tübingen and Munich.

The “Deutsches Referenzzentrum für Ethik in den Biowissenschaften” (DRZE) – (German Reference Centre for Ethics in the Life Sciences) – concentrates on providing scientific foundations for a qualified bioethical discussion on a German, European and international level. Since 2004 the DRZE is research centre of the North Rhine-Westphalian Academy of Sciences, Humanities and Arts for the elaboration of “Prerequisites, Norms and Criteria of Ethical Judgment Formation in the Life Sciences” and has taken on the role as central scientific institution to the University of Bonn.

Employment, payment and social benefits are determined by the Public Sector Collective Agreement (Tarifvertrag für den öffentlichen Dienst - TVÖD). The job location is Bonn, Germany. The Job is temporary limited.

The DZNE and DRZE seek to increase the number of female personnel in those areas where they are underrepresented and therefore explicitly encourage women to apply.

The DZNE and DRZE is committed to employing more disabled individuals and especially encourages them to apply.

Please send your application not later than 04.06.2010 to:
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