

The Center of Plant Systems Biology and Biotechnology (CPSBB) offers the following position:

## **Junior Group Leader**

**Occupation:** Full-time

**Period:** Fixed-term contract, funding available for two years with a possibility of extensions.

**Apply no later than:** April 30, 2021

CPSBB is a newly established research center in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, with the financial support of the H2020 project [PlantaSYST](#) (Teaming), the Bulgarian Government, and the Municipality of Plovdiv. CPSBB's mission is to position itself at the forefront of plant sciences in Bulgaria. This will be achieved by building on the research and technological excellence of two partners from Potsdam, Germany: The University of Potsdam and the Max Planck Institute of Molecular Plant Physiology.

Plovdiv is one of the oldest cities in Europe, established in the 6th millennium BCE. The city is the second-largest in Bulgaria. It is an industrial and academic center and at the same time offers rich cultural life and entertainment for young people. The European Commission declared Plovdiv the European Capital of Culture for 2019.

CPSBB is looking for a highly motivated, experienced researcher who can establish and lead his own group. The candidates are expected to have excellent publication record, as well as experience in supervising PhD students. The candidates should provide a concise description of the research envisaged in their future group and a business plan including a sustainability programme for the next five years (for example, strategy for obtaining external funding for their group).

CPSBB is an equal opportunity employer.

## **Workplace**

The workplace will be the [CPSBB](#) in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

## **Job Requirements**

- PhD in Plant Molecular Biology, Plant Physiology, Plant Biotechnology, or related fields
- Excellent publication record (high impact factor publications as leading author)
- Experience in supervising PhD students or/and postdoctoral students
- Excellent English presentation and communication skills (written and oral)

## **Main responsibilities**

- Conduct cutting-edge plant science research
- Development of a competitive research concept and its realization
- Supervising PhD students
- Writing grant proposals and assisting grant management

## **We offer**

- Gross salary up to 42,000 EUR per annum (3,500 per month), including taxes, social and pension contributions.
- Work in a competitive research team. Career development in an international research institute.
- Opportunity to establish and further develop an innovative and cutting-edge research program and organize his/her research group with PhD students.



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- Opportunity for collaboration with leading EU partner institutes (e.g. Max Planck Institute of Molecular Plant Physiology in Potsdam-Golm, Germany).
- Funding is available immediately.

### **Deadline for application**

The application deadline is April 30, 2021. Applicants interested in the position should send the following documents:

- Application letter including a statement about why you apply for this position
- CV including a list of published and accepted publications
- A description of suggested research in the next five years (up to three pages)
- Plan for attracting external funding that will contribute to the sustainability of the group in the next five years
- Contact information, including email addresses, of a minimum of two reference persons (do not include reference letters in your application; we will contact your reference persons directly)

Send your application documents as a single pdf-file to [secretary@cpsbb.eu](mailto:secretary@cpsbb.eu)

For more information, please visit these websites:

CPSBB: [www.cpsbb.eu](http://www.cpsbb.eu)

Project PlantaSYST: [www.plantasyst.eu](http://www.plantasyst.eu)