

The Research Group of Plant Ecological Genomics (<http://plantgenomics.univie.ac.at>) of the Department for Botany and Biodiversity Research at the University of Vienna, Austria is recruiting a

### **Lab Technical Assistant in Molecular Biology (m/f)**

An up to 2-years part-time (75% or 50% according to preference) position funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) is immediately available in a research project on the evolution of wild polyploid orchids. Our research makes use of state-of-the-art genomic and epigenomic techniques and we are continuously developing and implementing new laboratory procedures. We are a multinational team with English as working language.

#### Your tasks

- optimizing and performing laboratory protocols (e.g., qPCRs, NGS library preparation, high-quality RNA and DNA extractions from plant material),
- general lab maintenance (ordering of chemicals & equipment),
- training of new colleagues,
- maintaining databases of protocols and samples,
- optional: support in field work across Western Europe.

#### The candidate should have

- a BSc or MSc degree in Molecular Biology, Biology, Biochemistry or similar,
- excellent organization and communication skills,
- high motivation and interest in learning/developing new techniques,
- excellent previous record of activities;
- fluency in English and German,
- the ability to work in a multinational team,
- ideally, experience (e.g., from a course) with RNA work, including qPCRs, and/or NGS libraries,
- optional: driving license class B (for field work).

The position offers a competitive salary (according to experience min. €28,000 per year before tax for 40 hours/week, including social and health insurance - the salary will be scaled according to the number of hours of employment), and opportunities for career development/further training.

Please send your application as single pdf file to [ovidiu.paun@univie.ac.at](mailto:ovidiu.paun@univie.ac.at). The application must include your CV, a cover letter explaining why would this job fit your qualifications, experience and expectations (max. 1 page), and the names and contacts of two referees. Please note: Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Screening of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. The latest preferred start date is October 15th, 2017.