About The University of Bergen (UiB)

The University of Bergen is a renowned educational and research institution, organised into seven faculties and approximately 54 institutes and academic centres. Campus is located in the centre of Bergen with university areas at Nygårdshøyden, Haukeland, Marineholmen, Møllendalsveien and Årstad.

Sars International Centre for Marine Molecular Biology (Sars Centre) is situated at the Marineholmen campus together with other research institutes at the University. The Sars Centre is partner with European Molecular Biological Laboratory (EMBL) in Heidelberg, Germany and is organized directly under Rector at UiB. – Read more here.

Postdoctoral Research Fellow position: Genome engineering for developmental systems biology in the tunicate Ciona

Postdoctoral Research Fellow position
There is a vacancy for a postdoctoral research fellow position at the Sars International Centre for Marine Molecular Biology (www.sars.no) in the research group headed by Pr. Lionel Christiaen. The position is for a period of 3 years and is funded on the Sars Centre core budget. The Sars Centre belongs to the University of Bergen and is partner of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) (www.embl.de). The place of work will be at the Sars Centre. The preferred starting date is between July and September 2021.

About the project/work tasks:
The Christiaen group adapts and uses state-of-the-art methods in developmental and cell systems biology to study gene regulation, fate decisions and cellular behaviours, with a focus on the cardiopharyngeal mesoderm of the tunicate Ciona. We are looking for a highly competent and independent Postdoctoral Research Fellow with expertise in molecular and cellular biology, marine invertebrates embryology and aquaculture, including egg microinjection and confocal microscopy, and a strong interest in developing genome engineering methods.

The project will focus on (1) the establishment and use of a marine aquaculture facility to raise engineered lines of Ciona animals, (2) the development and application of molecular reagents for CRISPR/Cas9-mediated genome engineering, and (3) leverage new tools and techniques to study early cardiopharyngeal and germline development.

The successful candidate will use a variety of methods, ranging from precise genome engineering, to single cell genomics and quantitative microscopy. The successful candidate will work in close association with the group leader and other lab members with the aim to contribute to the further development of the project in line with her/his interests.

Qualifications and personal qualities:
- The applicant must hold a Norwegian PhD or an equivalent degree or must have submitted his/her doctoral thesis for assessment prior to the application deadline. It is a condition of employment that the PhD has been awarded
- A strong scientific background, intellectual command of fundamental concepts relevant to the project, and a track-record of creative experimental design
- An impeccable work ethics, discipline and rigor to conduct experiments at the highest level, and strong reporting habits
- Proficiency in both written and oral English, with a record of publication and presentations
- Practical experience with molecular cloning, CRISPR/Cas9-mediated genome editing, invertebrate embryology (including microinjection), and different fluorescence imaging techniques is highly desirable
- Specific experience with tunicate models is highly beneficial, but not essential
- The ability to work both independently and to cooperate with others in a structured manner is essential

About the position of postdoctoral research fellow:
The position of postdoctoral research fellow is a fixed-term appointment with the primary objective of qualifying the appointee for work in top academic positions. The fixed-term period for this position is 3 years. Individuals may not be hired for more than one fixed-term period as a postdoctoral research fellow at the same institution.

Upon appointment, applicants must submit a project proposal for the qualifying work including a work schedule. It is a requirement that the project is completed in the course of the period of employment.
We can offer:

- A professional, challenging and international working environment.
- Well-equipped, modern laboratories and facilities
- Salary at pay grade 61 (code 1352 / pay range 24, alternative 5) according to the state salary scale upon appointment. This constitutes a gross annual salary of NOK 545,300. Further promotions are made according to length of service. For particularly highly qualified applicants, a higher salary may be considered.
- Enrolment in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund
- Good welfare benefits

Your application in English must include:

- A cover letter of the applicant’s research interests and motivation for applying for the position
- The names and contact information 2-3 reference persons. One of these must be the main advisor from the PhD programme
- CV
- Transcripts and diplomas and official confirmation that the doctoral thesis has been submitted
- Relevant certificates/references
- List of publications or other relevant scientific work

The application and appendices with certified translations into English or a Scandinavian language must be uploaded at JobbNorge.

Application Deadline: 05 May 2021.

General information:
Detailed information about the position can be obtained by contacting: Group Leader Lionel Christiaen, tlf.: +47 922 08 816, email: lionel.christiaen@uib.no

The state labour force shall reflect the diversity of Norwegian society to the greatest extent possible. Age and gender balance among employees is therefore a goal. People with immigrant backgrounds and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply for the position.

We encourage women to apply. If multiple applicants have approximately equivalent qualifications, the rules pertaining to moderate gender quotas shall apply.

The University of Bergen applies the principle of public access to information when recruiting staff for academic positions.

Information about applicants may be made public even if the applicant has asked not to be named on the list of persons who have applied. The applicant must be notified if the request to be omitted is not met.

Further information about our employment process can be found here.

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Through robust and close interaction with the world around us - globally, nationally and locally - we shall be instrumental in building a society based on knowledge, skills and attitudes.

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Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRdMR-PhbBQ&t=4s

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