

Team leader of Centre for Algology position announcement

Institute of Botany of the Czech Academy of Sciences in Trebon, Czech Republic, offers an opening for a team leader of Centre for Algology.

Centre for Algology is a department focusing on the taxonomy and ecology of photoautotrophic microorganisms worldwide, with strong position in traditional taxonomy of Cyanobacteria (school of Prof. J. Komarek). The part of the department is a well-known international Culture collection of autotrophic organisms (CCALA, www.ccala.butbn.cas.cz), maintaining more than 800 strains of microalgae and cyanobacteria. We are also interested in the experimental and applied phycology focusing on the storage and high-value compounds of photoautotrophs. You can find more information on our institutional web page www.butbn.cas.cz/home as well as on our corporate page www.ibot.cas.cz.

We are searching for an excellent scientist with international visibility in the field of photoautotrophic microbiology sciences and with special focus on photoautotrophic microorganism (cyanobacteria, microalgae) taxonomy and/or ecology to work as the department team leader.

Employing interdisciplinary approaches, research shall be entered on taxonomy and ecology of photoautotrophs. Experience with special metabolites such as, but not exclusively, polyunsaturated fatty acids and carotenoids are welcome. The proposed research program by applicant shall be internationally competitive and combine theory and practice according to the strategy of Academy of Sciences.

Starting date

1st March 2020; later or sooner start is negotiable

Duration of appointment

Two years with expected extension depending on performance and ability of candidate to get funding for her/his research and the team.

Qualifications:

The qualified applicant shall have PhD degree in relevant branch of biology or biochemistry. Previous research work of the applicant should be documented by excellent publications in the field of algology, microbial ecology, or molecular biology and taxonomy. Successful experience in the acquisition of research grants is expected. Previous experience with team leadership is welcome. We seek a candidate with communication skills, ability to work independently as well as of leading and developing people and fluent in English. Personal suitability will be of an important consideration. Scientists from abroad are explicitly encouraged to apply.

Place to work: Třeboň, Czech Republic (more info on <https://www.mesto-trebon.cz/>), is a beautiful small spa town in surroundings of the landscape protected area Třeboňsko with number of ponds. Třeboň is easily accessible by public transport from the county town České Budějovice, which could extend possibilities for sports, cultural events and shopping areas within easy reach. For detail information about the position, department or Trebon, please, contact krehakova@email.cz.

Required Profile •

- PhD in biology or equivalent •
- At least 5 years' experience in the field of photoautotrophic microorganisms •

- Experience in leading and developing people •
- Experience in managing and driving complex projects •
- Fluent in English, any other world language advantageous •

Major Responsibilities •

- Leading team of biologists and technicians focused on taxonomy and ecology of photoautotrophs
- Working within the interdisciplinary team
- To increase the research activity of the department

We offer •

- **2 years contract with possible extension.** Salary will be based on the research personnel composed of both task specific and personal performance components. A trial period will be applied.
- Possibility of funding one postdoc position, including the right of choice of the successful applicant. Alternatively, financial support for the start of independent research program at our department
- Interdisciplinary and supportive team
- Support of our technicians
- Labs full equipped for traditional and molecular taxonomy of photoautotrophs
- Possibility to use autotrophs from our culture collection (www.ccala.butbn.cas.cz) for the research

Further benefits •

The position includes standard health insurance and social security. Living costs are relatively low by international standards. Flexible working hours, five weeks of holiday, 5 days of sick-day, employer's contribution to supplementary pension insurance in Czech pension system, meal vouchers and leisure benefits.

Foreign applicants will receive support in transferring to the Czech Republic and support at the workplace.

Instructions: Please submit a CV, including description of professional activities, as well as scientific achievements such as publications and projects raised in electronic format, a copy of diploma/PhD certificate, and one-page summary cover/motivation letter. The proposed research program hold at our institution shall be described separately in text format with contact information to ondrej.mudrak@ibot.cas.cz, klara.rehakova@ibot.cas.cz .

We would like to point out that the submission of your application constitutes our consent under data protection law to the processing of your applicant data by us.

Application deadline is November 30, 2019; selected applicants will be interviewed by Skype. The review process of applications will start December 1, 2019 and will close December 15, 2019 with

results announced January 6, 2020. The selection of candidates will be made on the basis of the qualifications registered in the application.