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Applications are invited for the following position at the Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy at the Campus Charité Mitte in CharitéCenter 15 for Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry, to be filled with the support of the NeuroCure Cluster of Excellence and to commence as soon as possible:

**Junior (W1) Professorship of “Neuropsychiatry”,
with tenure track
(initially limited to 3 years, with tenure track to W2)
Salary bracket: W1 under the BbesG-ÜfBE
(Federal Civil Service Remuneration Act in its transitional version for Berlin)
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The professorship is funded by the Joint Federal Government-Länder Funding Programme for Junior Academics (the Tenure-Track Programme). The call for applications is accordingly directed at academics in the first few years after their doctorate. Women are strongly encouraged to apply. The aim is to achieve a proportion of fifty percent women among those awarded tenure-track professorships funded by the program.

In particular, the successful candidate is to contribute to the core research area of basic neuroscience research into mental illnesses and to strengthen the NeuroCure Cluster of Excellence through the use of optogenetic or comparable innovative technologies. The incumbent will be expected to make significant contributions to the development and use of optogenetic technologies or DREADDs. The successful candidate will be embedded in an international, innovative and highly collaborative research environment with access to central facilities with the latest omics technologies (next-generation sequencing, metabolomics, proteomics), microscopy and a certified clinical research center for neurological and psychiatric studies.

The professorship is in principle endowed with a tenure track. The junior professorship is initially limited to three years and will be extended for a further three years if the probationary period is judged to be successful. In the penultimate year of the maximum six-year tenure-track phase, following a successful tenure evaluation and given the formal requirements for employment are met, the incumbent will be transferred to a lifetime associate (W2) professorship, in accordance with § 102c of the Berlin Higher Education Act (BerlHG). Procedures, processes and performance criteria are set out in Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin’s statute governing tenure-track professorships [www.charite.de/en/tenuretrack].

The successful candidate will be responsible for research and teaching in the field of psychology and psychotherapy, as well as for patient care in this field, where appropriate. The main duties of the future post holder include:

- Establishing a “Neuropsychiatry” working group with the above methodological focuses in close interaction with the Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy at the Campus Charité Mitte and the NeuroCure Cluster of Excellence
- Contributing to building the neuroscientific profile of the Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy and the NeuroCure Cluster of Excellence (<https://www.charite.de/en/research/>)
- Contributing to the translation of basic neuroscience research into new therapeutic approaches
- Successful acquisition of third-party funds
- Participating in university teaching for the new revised medical curriculum or other courses (e.g., the master’s in “Medical Neurosciences”)
- Supervision of master’s and doctoral students
- Taking account of gender and diversity in research proposals, in terms of both subject matter and staffing

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to participate in relevant core research areas and research alliances – e.g., Transregional Collaborative Research Centre TRR 265, the NeuroCure Cluster of Excellence and the German Center for Mental Health, which is in the process of being established – and research training

groups of the Charité (<https://www.charite.de/en/research>), as well as advance collaborations with other clinical institutions.

We are looking for an internationally established scientist in the field of optogenetics or comparable innovative methods such as DREADDS, who will look after the academic activities of the NeuroCure Cluster of Excellence and the Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy (CCM) in the field of basic research into mental illnesses.

Applicants should have:

- Research achievements in the field of basic neurobiological research in the area of neuropsychiatry, documented by relevant initial publications in leading international journals, as well as further academic achievements appropriate for the early stage of one's career.
- If participating in patient care: international applicants must possess a German language diploma/language certificate (in accordance with the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs) at C2 level.

Formal requirements as per § 102a of the Berlin Higher Education Act (BerlHG) are a successfully completed university degree in human medicine, natural or life sciences or a comparable subject, as well as an outstanding doctorate, a particular talent for academic work and an aptitude for teaching.

The Charité is committed to increasing the proportion of women among its scientific staff; we therefore strongly encourage women to apply. In the event of equally qualified applicants, women will be given preference over men (within the scope of what is permitted by law). Applicants with disabilities will be given preference over equally qualified non-disabled applicants. We value diversity and therefore welcome all applications – regardless of gender, nationality, social background, religion or age.

The Charité is certified by the “family-friendly university” audit and is a member of the “Dual Career Network Berlin” (www.dualcareer-berlin.de).

Written applications should be submitted together with your conceptual ideas, following the format and requirements outlined at https://career.charite.de/am/calls/application_notes.pdf, by 20.06.2021 at <https://career.charite.de>.

Inquiries about the professorship should be directed to Prof. Andreas Heinz (andreas.heinz@charite.de).
Formal questions relating to the application process should be addressed to: berufungen@charite.de.