

Dean of the Faculty of Science, Masaryk University, announces an open competition for the position of

The Director of the RECETOX Centre

Workplace: RECETOX Centre, Faculty of Science, Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic

Type of Contract: Academic position with 4-year contract/appointment

Working Hours: 40 FTE (full-time)

Number of Open Positions: 1

Starting Date: By the end of 2021

Application Deadline: 31.8.2021

About the Workplace

Masaryk University is the second-largest university in the Czech Republic with ten faculties, more than 5000 staff, and more than 30 000 students.

Faculty of Science MU, a proud holder of the HR Excellence in Research Award by the European Commission, is a research-oriented faculty, offering university education (Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degree programs) closely linked to both primary and applied research and high school teaching of the following sciences: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Earth sciences. We are the most productive scientific unit of the Masaryk University generating around 40 % of MU research results.

RECETOX Centre is an institute of the Faculty of Science, Masaryk University, and the *European Centre of Excellence* in Human Exposome research. Supported by the EU Horizon 2020 programme (Teaming project CETOCOEN Excellence, 2020-2026), it collaborates with leading European universities to build a community that works together towards a healthy future. It forms research partnerships with academic institutions and university hospitals and reach out to local businesses, and regional and state authorities to share knowledge. It engages also with citizens and welcome them to join the Living Lab community to co-create positive change.

RECETOX Centre drives high quality research in the interdisciplinary programmes of the Environmental Health field. It also develops accredited study programmes in Environmental Health Sciences and Biostatistics and Bioinformatics for Biomedicine at the bachelor, master, and doctoral levels. It is proud of the state-of-the-art RECETOX Research Infrastructure of accredited laboratories, longitudinal environmental monitoring programmes and population cohorts, information systems and knowledge platforms, openly accessible to the international research community.

RECETOX Centre values its people and provides a supportive and stimulating environment, with the culture of open communication and equal opportunities. It employs around 300 people of 25 nationalities working on more than 65 ongoing projects and publishing 150 scientific publications per year. RECETOX attracts top EU grants and has an annual budget of nearly 10 million Euros.

About the Position

We are seeking an experienced scientist and research manager with a vision, strategic thinking and an excellent track record in the Environment and Health research area. We require an experience with management of large research teams and a history of acquiring international project funding.

The director will be responsible for:

- The development of internal culture and working conditions for successful implementation of the Horizon 2020 Teaming project and the development of RECETOX as the European Centre of Excellence;

- The scientific management of the research centre, including the development of research strategies reflecting current scientific challenges and European priorities, based on the existing capacities and new opportunities;
- The financial management and resource planning, the identification of and pursuing opportunities and research grants for the further development and financial sustainability of the centre;
- The strategic development of the research infrastructure and its alignment with relevant research domains and European infrastructural networks;
- The development of human resources in line with the HR Award, recruitment, supervision, and mentoring of employees, including early-stage researchers;
- The development and accreditation of existing and new study programmes at all levels;
- International collaboration with strategic scientific partners and interaction with the international scientific community;
- Research communication and interaction with various stakeholders, applied sector and policy makers;
- International evaluation and benchmarking, including communication with the International Scientific Advisory Board.

Necessary competences for this position are:

- Systematic understanding of Environment and Health research domains, their challenges, and strategic development;
- Established reputation based on research excellence, the excellent track record and proven ability to secure research funding;
- Strong organisational skills and leadership competencies, and the ability to identify research problems and opportunities as well as to improve competitiveness in the research;
- Teaching experience, ability to supervise early-stage researchers, and acting as a mentor;
- Independence, enthusiasms, critical thinking, creativity, flexibility, motivated and collaborative mindset;
- Ability to take the lead in executing interdisciplinary collaborative research projects in cooperation with project partners;
- Ability to communicate research and its societal values with the wider scientific community and the general public.

What we offer

RECETOX Centre is the European Centre of Excellence in Human Exposome research building on strategic partnerships with the leading European research institutions. It hosts progressive, interdisciplinary, and international research teams and provides an access to the state-of-the-art research infrastructure located in the new campus of Masaryk University.

We offer a highly collaborative and family friendly international working environment with the relocation assistance through the Welcome Office; attractive salary conditions; medical insurance; and various employer benefits, including 8 weeks of paid holiday and contribution to the to the pension scheme.

Our city, Brno, is a lively city surrounded by countryside located in the heart of Europe on the half-way between Prague and Vienna. In Brno, workplace of Gregor Mendel or Leos Janacek, the history meets modern architecture and culture complements science and technology.

Application procedure

Applications including (i) CV; (ii) list of publications; (iii) description of skills, and experience related to the advertised position; (iv) 3-page outlook of a future development strategy of the RECETOX Centre; and (v) contacts for three references should be sent via the **e-application** (please, use the link in the **e-application section here**: <https://www.muni.cz/en/about-us/careers/vacancies/64797>).

After submitting your application, you will receive an automatic confirmation e-mail from jobs.muni.cz.

In justified cases, the job announcer can extend, suspend or cancel the selection procedure. For informal inquiries about the position, or in the case of any difficulties filling out the e-application, please contact: Jana Knebllová (kneblova@sci.muni.cz)

Selection procedure

All applications will be considered carefully in line with principles of the EU Charter and Code for Researchers. The selection procedure is based on meeting of the qualification requirements described above. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a personal or videoconference interview.

With respect to strengthening equal opportunities in science the women are particularly encouraged to apply.