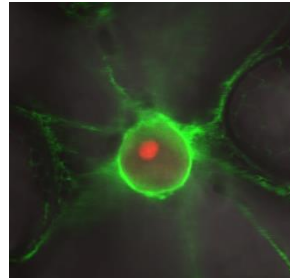


**We offer two positions for**

# **Independent Group Leaders in Plant Molecular Biology**



We are establishing two new independent research groups within the ERA Chair project at the Institute of Plant Molecular Biology, Biology Centre, Czech Academy of Sciences in collaboration with Prof. Jiri Friml, ISTA, Austria.

The **Institute of Plant Molecular Biology** (IPMB, [www.umbr.cas.cz/en/](http://www.umbr.cas.cz/en/)) is part of the **Biology Centre of the Czech Academy of Sciences** (BC, [www.bc.cas.cz](http://www.bc.cas.cz)), a public research institution dedicated to the investigation of ecological, evolutionary and developmental aspects of life. BC is located in [České Budějovice](https://www.cas.cz/en/locations/cas-cz), Czech Republic at a research campus shared with the University of South Bohemia. BC is one of the largest research institutions in Czechia with 822 employees, 30% are non-Czech researchers from 44 countries. More than 140 research projects are currently running at BC, including ERC, EMBO, MSCA, H2020 and HE projects.

IPMB currently hosts six research groups focused on molecular cytogenetics, biophysics and biochemistry, epigenetics, molecular signalling, virology and photosynthesis. IPMB is fully equipped for competitive plant molecular biology research with sufficient laboratory and office space, and state-of-the-art plant cultivation facility.

## **We offer**

- ✓ full time position for four years (between 2023-2027) with possibility of extension
- ✓ tentative starting date (negotiable) on **01 Jan 2024**
- ✓ opportunity to establish an independent research group in plant molecular biology
- ✓ equipped office, laboratory & cultivation space
- ✓ start-up package of **500,000 EUR** (125,000 EUR per year) covering competitive salaries (PI, one postdoc, one PhD candidate) for four years
- ✓ access to the state-of-the-art research infrastructure & equipment (plant cultivation, bioimaging & outreach facility)
- ✓ opportunity for mentorship within the framework of ERA Chair
- ✓ opportunity to tutor BSc, MSc & PhD students of the Faculty of Science University of South Bohemia, [www.prf.jcu.cz/en](http://www.prf.jcu.cz/en)
- ✓ professional career & soft skills development of team members
- ✓ English speaking, stimulating and friendly environment
- ✓ HR Excellence in Research Award, implemented European standards in human resources
- ✓ professional administration support with personal, economic, legal, project, IT, intellectual property needs
- ✓ support for preparation of competitive project proposals
- ✓ support for integration in the Czech system, activities for expats
- ✓ work-life balance in a historical middle-sized university city offering options for outdoor and cultural activities
- ✓ campus-based day care for children from the age of 1 year

## **Competitive candidates**

- ✓ are excellent researchers in plant molecular biology
- ✓ have a completed PhD degree and international research experience
- ✓ have independent thinking & passion for science
- ✓ have original/innovative research vision
- ✓ demonstrate a promising track record (publications & funding)
- ✓ have potential to attract international & national research grants (ERC, EMBO, MSCA, HE, GACR, etc.)
- ✓ are ready to establish, develop & lead own independent research teams
- ✓ find synergy with other research groups at the Biology Centre CAS
- ✓ are motivated to tutor a new generation of promising researchers
- ✓ are motivated to contribute to the development of plant molecular biology and research environment at Biology Centre CAS

**Please submit your (1) motivation letter with detailed description of your planned research activities (max 4 pages in total) and (2) structured CV including list of publications and contacts of two referees (max 4 pages) via the [application form](#) by **Tue 28 Feb 2023 23:59 CET**. Interviews with selected applicants will be held in April 2023. Informal inquiries can be directed via email to [michael.wrzaczek@umbr.cas.cz](mailto:michael.wrzaczek@umbr.cas.cz).**