

The Jülich Aachen Research Alliance (JARA for short) between RWTH Aachen University and Forschungszentrum Jülich, a member of the Helmholtz Association, is a model that is unique in Germany, overcoming the mere juxtaposition of university and non-university research and teaching. This created a new platform of interdisciplinary cooperation opportunities between a university of excellence and one of the largest research centres in Europe.

The Jülich Centre for Neutron Science (JCNS) develops and operates neutron scattering instruments at some of the leading neutron sources worldwide. JCNS's research priority of soft matter and biophysics is integrated into the Institute of Complex Systems (ICS) where basic research on soft matter, structural biology and cell biophysics contributes to visionary applications in medicine, biotechnology and chemical technology. In terms of content, the advertised vacancy is rooted in the JARA-SOFT section (Soft Matter).

In a joint procedure with RWTH Aachen University, Forschungszentrum Jülich is seeking a

DIRECTOR (f/m)

for the

Jülich Centre for Neutron Science / Institute of Complex Systems – Soft Matter and Biophysics

In accordance with the “Jülich Model”, the successful applicant will also be appointed **professor (grade W3) of physical chemistry at RWTH Aachen University**.

Applicants should be internationally respected research scientists who will apply the methods of neutron scattering at the very highest level to current areas of soft matter research. JARA-SOFT and the Helmholtz Programmes “Fundamentals for Future Technologies in the Fields of Soft Matter and Life Sciences” and “From Matter to Materials and Life” open up opportunities to play a responsible role in exploring the principles of complex soft matter and creating an attractive research programme. Potential fields of work complementing and consolidating existing activities include the physics of polymer-based materials and complex fluids as well as biophysical topics. The ability to head an interdisciplinary institute together with other directors and a willingness to cooperate are a requirement. The successful applicant will be expected to teach physical chemistry for two hours per week, per semester and also to contribute to the collaborative research centre 985 “Functional Microgels and Microgel Systems”.

Successful applicants will have completed a university degree followed by a PhD and should be able to demonstrate additional academic achievements in the form of a postdoc qualification (Habilitation), scientific activities within the framework of a junior professorship or research work at a university, research institution, or in some other social sphere.

Applications from women are particularly welcome. Applications from women will be given preference in the case of equal suitability, qualifications and experience, unless special reasons concerning the person of a male candidate outweigh these considerations. Attention is drawn to Art. 8, para. 1, of the Equal Opportunities Act of the Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia (LGG). Forschungszentrum Jülich has been certified as family friendly as part of the “audit berufundfamilie” initiative. RWTH Aachen University awards its “FAMOS für FAMILIE” prize to executive staff who have made a special contribution to family-friendly measures. Both institutions also offer support for dual career couples.

Applications from suitable candidates with disabilities are explicitly encouraged. This also holds for those with an equivalent degree of incapacity in the meaning of Art. 2 Code of Social Law (SGB) IX. RWTH Aachen University has been named as a “disability-friendly” employer for its commitment to training and employing disabled people.

Please send your application in English with the usual documents **preferably by email** by 15. April 2015 to:

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Further information can be found at
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