

The Institute of Cell Biology and Immunology Thurgau (BITG) at the University of Konstanz located in Kreuzlingen/Switzerland

invites applications for a non-tenured

Independent Junior Research Group Leader Position

Starting date: January 1, 2027 or by agreement.

The BITG is committed to supporting outstanding early-career scientists in establishing their first independent research group following successful postdoctoral training. The institute hosts two senior group leaders and two independent junior group leaders who share lab space, fostering collaboration and scientific exchange at both the student and PI levels. The interactive environment promotes mentoring, and an 'open fridge' mentality facilitates explorative pilot experiments and access to state-of the art equipment.

The successful applicant is expected to establish an innovative research program that complements and/or synergizes with the existing research activities at the institute. Current research at the BITG encompasses basic research in *cell biology*, *cellular immunology*, *tumor biology* and *applied bioinformatics*.

We are seeking a highly collaborative, communicative, and committed scientist with international experience, an excellent scientific track record, and the vision for developing an independent research program. Applicants must hold a PhD and/or MD degree and are expected to acquire third-party funding to supplement the available internal funding. Participation in the teaching of biology and life science students at the University of Konstanz is encouraged. The full-time junior group leader position is initially limited to four years, with the possibility of extension by up to four years upon positive assessment.

Applications should include i) a motivation letter, ii) a curriculum vitae, iii) a list of publications, iv) a statement of past research achievements and future research plans (max. 5 pages), v) copies of diplomas, and vi) the names and contact details of 3 referees. Please send your full application as a single PDF file to application@bitg.ch by November 10, 2026. Further information can be obtained from Prof. Dr. Daniel Legler (daniel.legler@bitg.ch), Chair of the Search Committee.

Further information on the scientific environment can be found at www.bitg.ch or www.biologie.uni-konstanz.de.