

The German Diabetes Center (DDZ), the Leibniz Institute for Diabetes Research at Heinrich Heine University (HHU), in Düsseldorf is funded by the Federal Ministry of Health and Ministry of Culture and Science of the State of North Rhine Westphalia. The DDZ as an interdisciplinary Institute links molecular and cell biological basic research with clinical and epidemiological investigations.

The DDZ aims to develop new approaches for the prevention, early detection, diagnosis and treatment of diabetes, and to improve the management of its complications. The DDZ is a member of the German Center for Diabetes Research (DZD e.V.). The Research Group Epidemiology (Head: PD Dr. Sabrina Schlesinger) at the Institute for Biometrics and Epidemiology (Director: Prof. Dr. Oliver Kuß) is seeking a talented and highly-motivated individual to fill a

PhD student position (f/m/div.)

in the field of Nutritional and Diabetes Epidemiology.

The project focusses on the investigation of dietary factors and dietary patterns regarding diabetes-related complications.

Key Responsibilities:

- Analyze data from cohort studies to investigate the associations between dietary patterns, foods, and nutrients with risk of diabetes-related complications
- Conduct systematic reviews and meta-analysis on this topic (e.g., literature screening, data extraction, risk of bias assessment, meta-analysis)
- Prepare manuscripts for peer-reviewed publications and present findings at national and international conferences

Qualifications:

- Master's degree in Nutrition, Epidemiology, Public Health, Medicine or equivalent
- Experience with data analysis and statistical software (R, SAS, or Stata)
- First experience with systematic reviews and literature screening tools (e.g., Covidence)
- Excellent communication skills, both written and spoken, in English
- Strong interest in nutrition and diabetes research, with an understanding of epidemiology
- Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively in a multi-disciplinary team
- Highly motivated, organized, and detail-oriented, with a strong scientific interest

We offer:

- A PhD position funded initially for 2 years with an option of prolongation, with salary based on the German TV-L E13 scale
- Support for independent scientific work, career development, and a stimulating workplace within a highly motivated team
- Participation in a PhD training program (medRSD) of the Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf.
- Professional development opportunities through courses, workshops, and conferences
- The DDZ is committed to family-friendly working conditions and equal gender policy. Since May 2011, the DDZ is a "Career and Family" audit-acknowledged Center.
- Females are encouraged to apply, and in the case of equal qualification will be given preference
- Handicapped persons will be given preference

To apply please submit your application to personal@ddz.de

Your application should include the following documents summarized in a single PDF file:

- a cover letter outlining your motivation for applying and relevant previous experience (max. 2 pages)
- a CV
- a complete transcript of academic certificates, including the last school report obtained before entering university (Abitur or equivalent)

Data collection and further processing of your application at the DDZ and the UKD will take place mainly by means of electronic data processing. The regulations pertaining to data protection laws will be adhered to. By sending us your application you consent to this procedure

