



The Institute of Virology and Immunology (IVI) seeks:
Head of Biosafety (80-100%)

The **IVI** is Switzerland's reference laboratory for the diagnosis, monitoring and research of highly infectious viral epizootic diseases, including viral zoonoses. The IVI cooperates with the University of Bern and is nationally and internationally known for its excellence in virology and immunology research. The laboratories are located on the University Campus in Bern and Mittelhäusern operate at the BSL2, BSL3 and BSL-3Ag levels. We are recruiting a **Head of Biosafety** to join a team of five people that closely interacts with craftsmen, engineers, biomedical researchers to ensure the protection of the environment and the employees, and continuously development and implement state of the art biosafety.

Your duties include:

- Implementation of a biosafety concept and regulatory framework for the IVI that includes employee training, operational measures and technical equipment and infrastructures.
- Research, development and validation works relevant for biosafety processes and solutions in cooperation with the laboratory and technical departments.
- Personal, technical and organizational management of the biosafety team, which is responsible for employee training and protection, obtaining legally required permits, and transport safety of biological goods.
- Further development of the Center of Competence for Biosafety together with the University of Bern to ensure training of laboratory personnel, education of biosafety experts and state of the art biosafety.
- Active participation and networking in relevant national and international bodies related to biosafety.

Suitable candidates will have a university degree with a dissertation/PhD in a biomedical subject as well as experience in laboratory biosafety related to virology/microbiology. We are looking for service-oriented and assertive personality with strong communication and leadership skills and analytical and conceptual thinking. Communication skills in two official Swiss languages (German, French, Italian) as well as English are required.

Please apply online using the following link: <https://recruitingapp-2630.umantis.com/Vacancies/45501/Application/New/1>

Additional Information

Application deadline August 15, 2021. For further information please contact Dr. Barbara Wieland, Director, Barbara.wieland@ivi.admin.ch.

About us:

The Institute of Virology and Immunology (IVI) is Switzerland's reference laboratory for the diagnosis, monitoring and research of highly infectious epizootic diseases, including viral zoonoses (infectious diseases that are transmissible between animals and humans). The IVI is also responsible for the approval and monitoring of animal vaccines and immune sera for use

in veterinary medicine. As part of a cooperation agreement with the Vetsuisse faculty of the University of Bern, the IVI is also responsible for teaching and research in the fields of virology and immunology.

The Federal Administration respects the different needs and life experiences of its employees and promotes their diversity. Equal treatment has the highest priority.