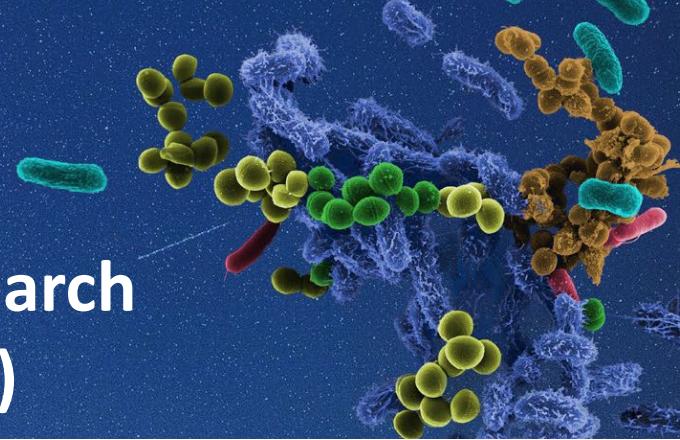


WE SEEK:

Helmholtz Junior Research Group Leaders (f/m/d)



in the broader fields of **Infectious Disease Research · Pharmaceutical Research · RNA Biology**

Locations: Würzburg (HIRI) or Saarbrücken (HIPS)

Start: from January 2027

Duration: 5 years (tenure option)

The **Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research (HZI)**, Germany's largest academic institution dedicated to infection research, invites applications for independent **Helmholtz Junior Research Group Leaders** within the prestigious [Helmholtz Investigator Groups](#) program (Standard Track & Pilot Track). We seek **exceptional postdoctoral researchers with a strong record of scientific excellence and clear potential for future leadership**. The program strongly encourages applications from women scientists.

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ABOUT THE INSTITUTES:

HIRI – Helmholtz Institute for RNA-based Infection Research (Würzburg)

HIRI conducts cutting-edge research at the interface of RNA biology and infection research, exploring RNA functions in microbes, viruses, pathogens, and infected hosts. With state-of-the-art technologies—CRISPR tools, single-cell analysis, advanced RNA sequencing—HIRI aims to harness RNA as a diagnostic, therapeutic target, and drug modality. **HIRI seeks candidates for the Standard Track.**

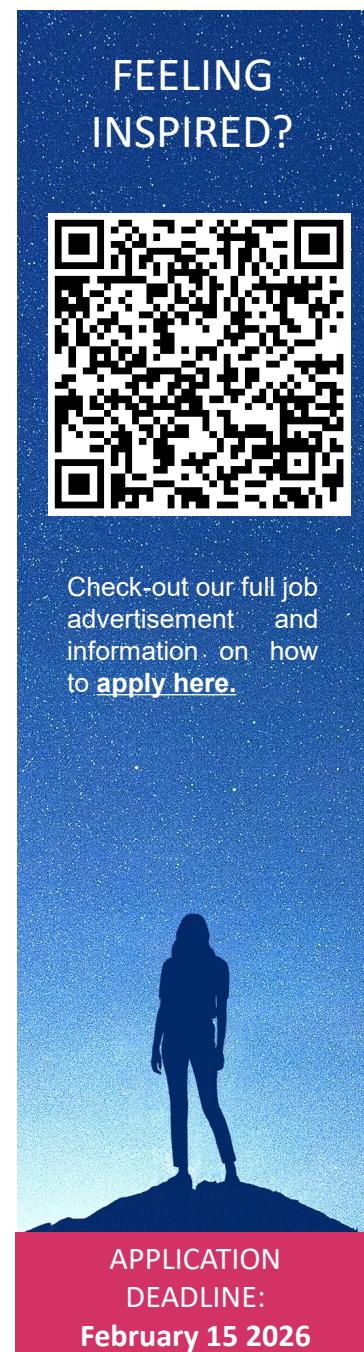
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HIPS – Helmholtz Institute for Pharmaceutical Research Saarland (Saarbrücken)

HIPS focuses on combating antimicrobial resistance through the discovery and development of innovative anti-infectives. Research spans the full early drug discovery pipeline, integrating chemistry, biology, medicine, and AI-driven approaches. Close collaborations with Saarland University, its University Hospital, and industry partners enrich this highly interdisciplinary environment. **HIPS seeks candidates for the Pilot Track.**

WE OFFER:

- **Five-year funding package:** group leader, postdoc, PhD student, technician, consumables, instrumentation
- **Prospective junior professorship** at Würzburg University or Saarland University
- **Tenure option:** permanent group leader position at HZI after positive external review
- Access to **excellent infrastructure**, vibrant scientific networks, interdisciplinary collaboration and support offices
- **Leadership training** via the Helmholtz Management Academy
- Family-friendly environment, childcare support, flexible working hours



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