

Eurac Research is looking for a

Post-Doc / Senior Researcher with the ELSI group working on Legal aspects of Biomedical Research

The Institute for Biomedicine is home to an international and interdisciplinary team of scientists, students and support staff, integrated in an excellent network of international and national partners. The Institute is performing biomedical research on how the origin and the development of diseases are influenced by genetic disposition, by environmental factors and by individual lifestyles. Currently we are focusing our research on diseases within the broad areas of neuromedicine, cardiovascular medicine and metabolism.

The Cooperative Health Research In South Tyrol (CHRIS) study is a population-based study with a longitudinal lookout to investigate the genetic and molecular basis of age-related common chronic conditions and their interaction with life style and environment in the general population. More than 13000 participants from Val Venosta/Vinschgau have participated in the first phase of the study. Currently, our institute is starting the second phase of the study and the ELSI group is overseeing the implementation of national and international ethical and legal standards (e.g. GDPR).

Genomics has become more established and the complexities of new genetic technologies are raising questions about Ethical, Legal and Social Implications (ELSI) of genomic research on individuals, families, and society. Issues have arisen around development of policies and practices for biobanks and biorepositories, finding a balance between the promotion of broad data sharing and the need to safeguard the privacy, promoting autonomy of genomics research participants.

For our ELSI group, working with the CHRIS study but also with other aspects of the Institute for Biomedicine, we are seeking a highly motivated team member who will support the team in setting up a legal framework strategy for the developing Institute for Biomedicine. The strategy aims at implementing legal and ethical principles to support research. The new team member will conduct autonomous research and assist the team in the development of policies for the institute with specific regard to the management and running of the biobank, the data repository, compliance with national and international profiles with regard to the different research projects.

Tasks:

- Support building the legal and ethical framework for the Institute for Biomedicine
- Assist in collecting information, creating written content, editing texts for the policies
- Assist in the monitoring processes in place (review of projects, privacy check etc.)
- Assist in the development of ad hoc policies for the different research directions of the Institute
- Draft scientific papers under the directions decided in the team
- Manage and respond to project related email
- Compile literature overviews
- Prepare materials for submission to granting agencies and foundations

Requirements:

- Master or PhD (preferred) in Law
- Minimum 3 years of post-doc experience in the field required
- Interest in Ethical, Legal and Social implication of genomic research
- Very good knowledge of German, Italian and English, both orally and written
- Very good organizational skills and strong ability to work independently
- A strong team-player willing to lend help to ad-hoc tasks at short notice
- Experience in project management would be an advantage

We offer:

- A full-time position for 12 months, renewable, starting date February 2020
- Opportunity to work at the intersection of ethical, legal and social concerns and the progress of research in the biomedical field
- Possibility to be part of empirical research testing policies if interested
- A vibrant and collaborative work environment in a multidisciplinary institute

How to apply:

Interested candidates should submit their application (CV, cover letter, and further relevant documents) by 10.12.2019 via Email to jobs.biomedicine@eurac.edu stating "Senior Researcher ELSI" as subject:

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