In the Department of Nutritional Science, Faculty of Agriculture, Nutrition, and Environmental Management, in the externally funded project Novel Drug Targets against Poverty-Related and Neglected Tropical Infectious Diseases (DRUID), the following full-time position is available, starting June 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2022:

**Junior Research Group Leader**

If all mandatory requirements are met, the applicant’s salary will be set at Pay Grade 14 according to the Hessian Labor Contract (Entgeltgruppe 14, TV-E).

The aforementioned junior research group is an integral part of DRUID, a newly established research center funded by Hessen as part of their Statewide Initiative to Develop Academic–Economic Excellence (LandesOffensive zur Entwicklung Wissenschaftlich-ökonomischer Exzellenz—LOEWE). The candidate must be able to collaborate with the interdisciplinary LOEWE Center partners (the Universities of Giessen, Marburg, and Frankfurt, as well as the Paul Ehrlich Institute in Langen and the University of Applied Sciences in Central Hessen).

**Principal duties:**
- Establish an independent junior research group in the field of parasitology.
- Characterize new target molecules using the most current methods of biochemistry, molecular biology, and cell biology.
- Participate in the main activities of the LOEWE Center.
- Lead the junior research team and project with a high level of autonomy.
- Develop independent research and publication concepts.

**Job requirements**
The prospective jobholder should be an internationally qualified expert in the field of parasitology (single-cell and/or multi-cell parasites) and possess the following qualifications:
- A college degree, an outstanding doctoral dissertation, and several years of experience working in the field of infection research
- Publications in respected international academic journals
- Successful acquisition of external funding and leadership of externally funded projects

Experience in international collaborations is also desired.

Justus Liebig University Giessen is seeking a larger percentage of women in academia; therefore, qualified female researchers are especially encouraged to apply. The university sees itself as a family-friendly university. Applicants with children are most welcome.

If you have any technical questions, please contact Dr. Brandstädter via telephone at +49 641 99 39127 or via e-mail at christina.brandstaedter@nutr.jlug.de.

Your application should be sent via post (not e-mail) with all the necessary documents under Reference No. 334/09 to Dr. Christina Brandstädter, Department of Nutritional Sciences, Heinrich-Buff-Ring 26-32, 35392 Giessen, and arrive no later than May 24, 2019. Suitable applicants with disabilities will be prioritized. Please only send copies of important certificates and do not use bulky document protectors because once the position is filled, we will not return your application.