



The INM – Leibniz Institute for New Materials (Leibniz-Institut für Neue Materialien gGmbH) is a leading international research institute for materials science located on the campus of Saarland University in Saarbrücken, Germany. The INM combines materials-oriented, interdisciplinary research with technology and knowledge transfer. Nano- and biohybrid materials for diverse technological and medical applications are the core research fields. As a member of the Leibniz Association, the INM has an annual turnover of €23 million and employs around 250 people from all over the world.

The INM and Saarland University are seeking a

Scientific Director and Head of Department (f/m/x)

for the Leibniz Institute for New Materials starting January 2023. The successful applicant will simultaneously be appointed as

Professor (W3) for New Materials (f/m/x)

in the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Technology at Saarland University.

The sought Scientific Director will co-manage the INM as part of a 3-member management team consisting of two Scientific Directors and the Business Director, with the chair (CEO) position alternating between the two Scientific Directors.

This advertisement is targeted at outstanding, internationally recognized scientists in the field of modern materials research and related disciplines who have leadership and management experience. The INM is looking for an individual who will support and expand the INM's scientific profile. The future candidate should cooperate closely with Saarland University and strengthen the strategic connection between the two institutions. Cooperation with other research institutes around the university campus and within the Leibniz Association is also sought. The INM is open to new research concepts that will complement the INM's research strategy. Examples of topics of interest for the institute are bioinspired approaches to sustainable materials design, integration of new materials into soft electronic devices, and modelling.

Since the INM's mission entails both fundamental scientific research and transfer to industrial applications, cooperation with industry and the acquisition of public and industrial third-party funding will be expected.

The appointment to Scientific Director is for a period of five years, with the possibility of subsequent reappointment. The appointment to University Professor is permanent. Remuneration is in accordance with the tariff scale W salary, plus a managing director's remuneration that includes performance-related components.

The appointments will be made in accordance with the general provisions of German public sector employment law. Candidates must have experience in and an aptitude for academic teaching. They will have a PhD or doctorate in an appropriate subject and will have demonstrated a particular capacity for independent academic research, typically by having obtained an advanced, post-doctoral research degree (Habilitation or equivalent) or by having been appointed to a junior professorship.

At Saarland University, we view internationalization as a process spanning all aspects of university life. We therefore expect members of our professorial staff to engage in activities that promote and foster further internationalization (e. g. within the European University Alliance Transform4Europe (www.transform4europe.eu) or the University of the Greater Region (www.uni-gr.eu).

The INM and Saarland University are determined to promote women and diversity in leadership positions. Severely disabled applicants (f/m/x) with equal qualifications and aptitude will be given preferential consideration.

Further information about the INM can be found at www.leibniz-inm.de. The contact person at the INM is the Scientific Director, Prof. Aránzazu del Campo (email: aranzazu.delcampo@leibniz-inm.de; Tel. +49 (0)681 9300 510).

To apply for this position, please submit your application by no later than 25th November 2021 via Saarland University's online professorial appointments platform: www.uni-saarland.de/berufungen. Please upload your application (indicating the reference number W1977 as a PDF file (max. 10 MB) including a letter of application (addressed to the University President, Prof. Dr. Manfred Schmitt), a scientific curriculum vitae, a description of research interests, as well as a meaningful concept for the further development of the INM taking into account the scientific environment (max. 3 pages).

When you apply to Saarland University you will be transmitting personal data. Please refer to our privacy notice for information on how we collect and process personal data in accordance with Art. 13 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (www.uni-saarland.de/data-protection). By submitting your application you confirm that you have taken note of the information in the Saarland University privacy notice.