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The following position is available to strengthen our team of the Department for Biomedical Research at the Faculty of Health and Medicine:

Early-Stage Researcher – PhD Student (m/f/d)

30 hrs./week

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Project Description:

Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is a chronic inflammatory disease that leads to joint damage and reduced quality of life, yet its underlying mechanisms remain incompletely understood. The FWF-funded project “MScense- Molecular Driver of Senescence in RA” investigates how aging-like changes in joint-resident cells contribute to persistent inflammation. We focus on the interplay of mesenchymal stromal cells (MSCs), key regulators of tissue repair and immune balance, and T-cells, central players in immune responses, to identify novel disease mechanisms, biomarkers for early diagnosis, and potential therapeutic targets for more personalized RA treatment.

The **Department for Biomedical Research at the University for Continuing Education Krems (UWK)** has a clearly defined, translational research focus centered on blood-related therapies and inflammation.

Your tasks

- Experimental research to investigate the induction of a senescent-like state in MSCs in RA and their interaction with T-cells
- Analysis of research data and publication of the results
- Tutoring of Bachelor and Master students
- Representation of the research group at conferences and symposia with poster presentations and scientific presentations
- Supporting the research group in administrative tasks
- Completing and submitting a cumulative PhD thesis in the **PhD program “Regenerative Medicine”** of the **University for Continuing Education Krems** within a three-year funded research project

Your profile

We require evidence of the following qualifications for the application:

- Completion of a diploma or master's degree in Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Molecular Biology, or a related subject (criterion must be met by 28th September 2026 at latest)
- Willingness to pursue a PhD within the program “Regenerative Medicine”
- Experience in lab work in the field of Molecular Biology (min. 6 months)
- Extensive cell culture experience with a focus on primary cells
- Expertise in functional assays for cell survival
- Hands-on experience in cellular phenotyping by flow cytometry or confocal microscopy
- Ability to work in a research team and to communicate research results
- Proficiency in scientific writing, demonstrated by scientific publications, presentations or a master's thesis
- Excellent English skills (min. C1)

In addition, the following criteria are desirable:

- Experience in cell culture of MSCs and peripheral mononuclear cells
- Experience in analyzing and processing transcriptomic and proteomic data
- Advanced German skills (min. B2)

Your perspective

- Part-time position (30 hours/week) initially limited until 31 August 2029
- Salary of EUR 3,776.10 gross per month on a full-time basis, classification as a scientific project staff member according to § 49 VwGr. B1, [Kollektivvertrag für Universitäten \(collective agreement for universities\)](#)
- Start of employment: 1st October 2026
- State-of-the-art laboratories and Core Facilities
- Innovative and modern working environment at the Campus Krems
- Extensive [benefits](#) such as: very good further training opportunities as part of our own study programs, a wide range of company health promotion programs and the University Sports Institute (USI)

The University for Continuing Education Krems sees high innovation potential in the diversity of its employees and is committed to diversity as a guiding principle. We therefore explicitly invite people with disabilities and/or chronic illnesses who meet the required profile criteria to apply for the position. At the same time, the university aims to increase the proportion of women and explicitly invites qualified women to apply. Women will be given priority consideration if they have the same qualifications.

We look forward to receiving your online application for all positions by **27 May 2026** via **our online tool**: <https://www.donau-uni.ac.at/vacancies>

Your application should include the following:

- Letter of Motivation specifying your interest in the project and why and how you believe you can contribute to this research (max. 2 pages)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Degrees and transcripts
- Documentation of scientific experience (lab work, master thesis, presentations, publications)
- Excellent references from two previous supervisors or teachers

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We would like to point out that all application documents will be collected in the UWK application tool (SageDPW).

93. Ergänzung zur Festlegung des Weiterbildungsstudienbeitrages für das Bachelorstudium der Weiterbildung „Bauleitung und Projektperformance“

Reduktion für Absolvent_innen folgender Ausbildungen:

- HTL mit Vertiefungen in Hochbau, Tiefbau und Bauwirtschaft
- HTL Elektrotechnik, Maschinenbau oder Mechatronik
- Baumeisterprüfung
- HAK
- HLW – Höhere Bundeslehranstalt für wirtschaftliche Berufe

Für Absolvent_innen einer der genannten Ausbildungen wird der Weiterbildungsstudienbeitrag für das Bachelorstudium der Weiterbildung „Bauleitung und Projektperformance“ mit € 19.600,-- festgelegt.

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