CALL FOR A DIRECTOR OF BIOCENTER FINLAND

Biocenter Finland is a nation-wide Life Science research infrastructure openly accessible to a community of 17,000 researchers at universities, research institutes, hospitals, companies and charities. Biocenter Finland supports and promotes frontier research through distributed research infrastructure services by fifteen technology platforms. Research activities relying on Biocenter Finland services include the majority of national Centres of Excellence, Academy Professors, ERC grantees, and Flagships in the Life Sciences.

Biocenter Finland is a joint venture of the University of Eastern Finland, University of Helsinki, University of Oulu, Tampere University, University of Turku and Åbo Akademi University.

Biocenter Finland is searching for a

DIRECTOR

For a part-time position for the period 1.5.2021–30.6.2026.

The Director of Biocenter Finland will have a unique view over the entire Life Science community in Finland. A central responsibility of the Director is to further develop cooperation with the host universities and to promote strategic development of the Finnish research infrastructure activities nationally and internationally.

The tasks of the Director are:
- To develop Biocenter Finland’s international visibility and networking especially within the European Union.
- To lead and develop Biocenter Finland’s activities and coordinate the Technology Platforms’ activities in cooperation with the host universities.
- To develop and maintain collaboration with national and international networks, such as the Finnish ESFRI Nodes
- To author Biocenter Finland’s funding applications and applications relevant for Finland’s Research Infrastructure Roadmap
- To lead the activities of the Coordination Office
- To organize Biocenter Finland’s Scientific Advisory Boards meetings
- To prepare and present items for the Governing Board’s meetings and to execute on the Board’s and the Rectors’ Council’s decisions.

The Director of Biocenter Finland is expected to have a professorship or equivalent academic merits, solid expertise in the life sciences, and proven leadership skills. Knowledge of Finnish research infrastructures, participation in international expert tasks and expertise in international science and research infrastructure policy is considered a merit. The working language is English.
The working time of the Director is at least 50%. The Director may lead a research group with external funding. The Director’s contract is made with the University of Helsinki, the coordinating university of Biocenter Finland. The salary and exact working share are negotiable based on the candidate’s qualifications and the university’s salary scale.

The applications should be addressed to the Governing Board of Biocenter Finland. Experts nominated by the Board will give a statement on the qualifications of the applicants. The Rectors Council will decide on the appointment based on the Board’s proposal.

The application should include a CV (max 3 pages), publication list and an action plan (max 3 pages) on how the applicant wants to develop Biocenter Finland during his/her term.

To apply, please send your application to biocenter-finland@helsinki.fi. Deadline for the application is January 11, 2021.

Further information is provided by the Chair of the Board and the Search Committee, Professor Seppo Ylä-Herttuala (seppo.ylaherttuala@uef.fi), +358 40 355 2075.