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*The Biotechnology Centre of Oslo (BiO) is a centre for molecular biology and biotechnology within the University of Oslo, located in Oslo Research Park. The centre is devoted to research and post-graduate training. The ambition of the centre is to strengthen life science research at UiO and serve as a green house for young scientists. BiO at present has 7 research groups and approximately 100 staff of different nationalities.*

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## The Biotechnology Centre of Oslo (BiO) Group Leader position(s) with start-up package at the Biotechnology Centre of Oslo in collaboration with the Department of Chemistry

Applications are invited for 1-2 group leader position(s) at the Biotechnology Centre of Oslo (BiO, [biotek.uio.no](http://biotek.uio.no)), University of Oslo, Norway. Together with the adjacent Centre for Molecular Medicine Norway (NCMM), Nordic EMBL Partnership ([ncmm.uio.no](http://ncmm.uio.no)), BiO/NCMM is a prominent element in the University of Oslo life science strategy and constitutes some 10 research groups and 150 staff. To provide strategic leadership in the field, BiO is organized with focus towards functional genomics, molecular biology and molecular medicine. Group leaders are recruited internationally based on excellence criteria, should be relatively young and have a potential to develop into fully qualified senior faculty. Technological research areas in BiO include proteomics, molecular and cell biology, molecular imaging, chemical biology screening and biotechnology. The groups in the centre at present have common research interests in cancer biology, neurobiology, signaling networks and supramolecular protein complexes. To facilitate synergy and collaboration between the groups, BiO has core facilities for molecular interaction studies and chemical biology (part of EU-OPENSREEN).

The Department of Chemistry has 36 PIs with research and teaching activities spanning a wide range of subdisciplines including structural biology, theoretical and computational chemistry, organic synthesis, bioanalytical chemistry, PET-tracers and radiochemistry, functional inorganic materials and nanotechnology. The department has an array of modern instrumentation at its disposal and hosts key regional and national infrastructure facilities including X-ray diffraction, scattering and imaging (RECX) as well as the Oslo node of The Norwegian NMR Platform (NNP). Several tenured positions in relevant areas will be available at the Dept. of Chemistry from approx. 2020.

The new University of Oslo life science strategy for the coming decade sets out ambitious goals and puts strong emphasis on convergence and inter-disciplinary projects including a new building to be completed in the next 5-6 years for chemistry, pharmacy and strong groups in biology and medicine intended to form a hot-bed for such interactions. To foster development of a new generation of cross-disciplinary oriented scientists, BiO is now together with the Department of Chemistry offering positions for outstanding young scientists at the interphase between chemistry and life sciences.

### Position(s) open:

**Group leader(s), Chemistry of Life (starting 2015):** The successful applicant(s) for the positions will be responsible for building strong research groups and initiate new independent cross-disciplinary research programs in **Chemistry-oriented Life Sciences**. The programme could, for example, involve structural biology and modeling, chemical biology, radiochemistry, molecular imaging, catalysis and enzyme-driven reactions (non limiting). The program should have clear cross-disciplinary elements to life sciences, bringing in aspects of biology and/or medicine. The group leader will have an initial budget amounting to 15 mNOK over the first 5-year period (approx. 1.8 mEUR), to be used for salaries, equipment and consumables and will have an adjunct appointment in the Department of Chemistry.

- Qualification requirements include a PhD or equivalent degree, appropriate postdoctoral training, experience with supervision and a track record of high-impact publications in top journals of chemistry, biology or medicine. In addition, considerable weight will be put on the research plan proposed by the candidate and on how this will integrate and synergize with the existing activity in the region. Group

leader positions are intended for early-stage independent investigators (less than 8 years past their PhD), comparable with the Assistant or Associate Professor level, with the latter group expected to show experience in scientific leadership and a track record of attracting significant independent funding.

- Applications should include a cover letter summarizing the applicant's career, past research accomplishments and future plans (max 1-2 pages), CV and a list of publications (with 5 most significant publications indicated), a short research plan (max 5 pages) with a summary of expected impact, and names of three references. The University of Oslo is an equal opportunity employer, and female and minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Staff that the applicant would want to bring to BiO as part of their group should also be named in the application.
- The top candidates will be invited to present their accomplishments and research plan in a talk and interview, and to provide a more details of their planned programme as well as Letters of Reference. An International Selection Committee will evaluate the candidates and their research proposals. Ranked candidates may be nominated before the summer of 2015 with an anticipated starting date end 2015, or at the latest early 2016.
- The successful candidate(s) for the position(s) will be offered a fixed-term, non-tenured, 5-year contract, which is renewable for up to an additional 4 years subject to evaluation. The position is included in the Norwegian health insurance and retirement pension schemes and will be placed as **SKO (Position Code) 1110 Scientist** and with a salary range depending on qualifications from step (ltr.) 65 to 84 (NOK 559,600 – 868,300)

For further information visit our website [www.biotek.uio.no](http://www.biotek.uio.no). Inquires about the position can be directed to BiO Centre Director, Professor Kjetil Taskén ([kjetil.tasken@biotek.uio.no](mailto:kjetil.tasken@biotek.uio.no)) or the Chair of Chemistry, Dr. Jo Døhl ([jo.dohl@kjemi.uio.no](mailto:jo.dohl@kjemi.uio.no)). Inquiries regarding technical aspects of the application can be directed to Nina Modahl ([ninam@ncmm.uio.no](mailto:ninam@ncmm.uio.no)). Applications must be submitted through the web-based recruitment system linked here:

**Region:**  
Oslo

**Job type:**  
Contract

**Working hours:**  
Full-time

**Working days:**  
Day

**Application deadline:**  
16 February, 2015

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