The Max Planck Institute for Brain Research (MPI) in Frankfurt am Main belongs to the Max Planck Society for the Advancement of Science, an independent, non-profit research organization that primarily promotes and supports basic research. The MPI for Brain Research offers an exciting, young, international and diverse environment devoted to research on brain and neural circuit function and development (http://www.brain.mpg.de/). The institute is located in a brand new building on Campus Riedberg (planned to house 250+ employees), with several genetic engineering facilities for research and a new, state-of-the-art animal facility designed to house non-primate mammals (mice, rats) and other small vertebrates (e.g., zebrafish, turtles, lizards). For our Animal Facility team, we are seeking an ambitious, energetic, interactive and internationally-minded veterinarian or biologist/life scientist with a great interest in research, to fill a part-time (50 %) position as Genetic Engineering/Animal Documentation Manager

This position is available effectively immediately and comes with an initial, fixed-term contract of two years, with the possibility of conversion to a permanent position afterwards.

Responsibilities will include:
- duties as project manager according to § 14 GenTSV of the genetic engineering facility in the animal house’s experimental and husbandry areas,
- ensuring the safe operation of the genetic engineering facility and the work carried out in it, including documentation according to GenTAufzV and instruction of employees based on the facility’s operating procedures,
- function as PyRAT manager for monitoring and reconciliation of the documentation of animal numbers and ongoing animal experiments using the PyRAT animal facility software,
- PyRAT user training
- preparation of the annual report on experimental animals,
- interaction and communication with the governing authorities for genetic engineering, animal husbandry and experimentation, and with scientists of the institute, the animal facility staff and the animal welfare officer,
- support of the head of animal facility and the animal welfare officer in daily business.

Successful candidates should:
- be a veterinarian or biologist/life scientist holding a university degree,
- fulfill the requirements for the appointment as project manager or biological safety officer (BBS) of a genetic engineering facility according to §15 GenTSV; official approval and significant previous experience as project manager or BBS are advantageous for the position,
- provide expertise in using documentation databases; previous experience with PyRAT or related animal facility documentation software is desirable; knowledge of the requirements for animal experiment documentation is required; additional experience in handling experimental animals is of advantage,
- have very good German and English language skills, both written and spoken,
- have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, team spirit and flexibility,
- be pro-active and able to work independently, even under pressure and deadlines,
- have organizational talent and a high sense of responsibility and reliability.

We offer a competitive salary (Collective Wage Agreement for Government Service Workers - TVöD-Bund), depending on qualifications and professional experience, as well as various fringe benefits in accordance with public service provisions. Veterans have the opportunity to do their veterinary specialization in laboratory animal science (Fachtierarzt fuer Versuchstierkunde).

The Max Planck Society is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to diversity and inclusion in all aspects of recruiting and employment.

Please send your application (in English) with the usual documents as a single PDF no later than April 30, 2017 to: HR@brain.mpg.de. For questions, please contact 069-850033/2002 or 3400.