

With about 20,000 students around 1,300 staff members - of which about 700 are scientists - the University of Siegen is an innovative and interdisciplinary-oriented university. With a broad range of subjects from humanities and social sciences to economic sciences to natural and engineering sciences, it offers an excellent teaching and research environment with a large number of inter- and transdisciplinary research projects. The University of Siegen offers diverse possibilities to reconcile career and family. Therefore, it has been certified as a family-friendly university since 2006 and offers a Dual Career Service.

The Micro- and Nanoanalytics and -tomography Group (LMN) at the Faculty of Science and Technology is seeking a highly motivated

Post-doctoral Research Associate (f/m)

for

Advanced & *in situ* TEM of Sensitive Energy Materials.

The salary and benefits commensurate with a public service position (100 % E13 TV-L). The position is offered for a period of 2 years with the opportunity for extension. The confirmation period is subject to the provisions of the Act on Temporary Employment in Higher Education.

The LMN was recently established as a new chair in October 2017. We cover two major research foci, which are I) the development and application of advanced electron microscopy for materials science and II) highly interdisciplinary research on energy-related and novel 2D-materials. The group is closely related to the university's *Micro- and Nanoanalytics Facility* (MNaF) as well as the interdisciplinary *Center for Innovative Materials* (Cm). We operate two state-of-the-art microscopes, a new FEI Talos TEM and a FEI Helios FIB/SEM, with more (*in situ*) equipment including an AC-HR(S)TEM being available in the future. For advanced TEM the group currently utilizes AC-microscopes at renowned (inter)national research institutions.

About the Project & Duties

- In this project, you are going to apply and develop advanced (*in situ*) SEM/TEM techniques for environmental-sensitive and beam-sensitive materials used in batteries or fuel cells (see Science 358, 2017, pp. 506, Nano Letters 17, 2017, pp. 5171). Moreover, you will develop dedicated sample preparation and handling routines for such sensitive materials.
- The project includes the design, acquisition and evaluation of new instrumentation and *in situ* TEM holders.
- Within the framework of your tasks you will have the opportunity to gain academic qualification equivalent to a German habilitation. The duties include support of students in research and participation in administrative tasks. The teaching obligation is 4 hours per semester week.

Employment Requirements

- For this position, we are seeking an enthusiastic and highly motivated PostDoc with an excellent PhD in physics, chemistry, materials science or a related field.
- Applicants are expected to have expertise and hands-on experience in advanced TEM techniques like aberration-corrected (S)TEM, CTEM, low-dose TEM and/or EDS/EELS/EFTEM.
- Applicants should have a genuine interest in interdisciplinary research proven by multidisciplinary papers.
- Excellent English skills, flexibility and the ability for teamwork are required. Experience in (computer-added) design of components and good German language skills are beneficial.

We offer a highly vibrant research environment and the exceptional opportunity to contribute to the development of a young research group with new cutting-edge equipment. Scientific exchange with renowned (inter)national research institutions for advanced TEM investigation will be strongly supported.

Applicants with children are highly welcome. Reduction of working time is possible. The University of Siegen strives to increase the proportion of women in research and teaching. Women with relevant qualifications are asked to apply. Severely disabled persons with relevant qualifications are asked to apply for the position.

For further information please contact Prof. Benjamin Butz (benjamin.butz@uni-siegen.de, +49 271 740-3175).

Please send your application including your cover letter, CV with publication/presentation/teaching records, copies of certificates and references with indication of the ad number **2018/IV/Maschinenbau/WM/80** to the University of Siegen, Micro- and Nanoanalytics Group/Prof. Butz, Paul-Bonatz-Str. 9-11, 57076 Siegen until **05.06.2018**.

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