Cell Biologist / Lab Support Technician – Evening Lab Shifts (15-25h / week)

Location: Helmholtz Munich Campus: Ingolstädter Landstraße 1, 85764 Oberschleißheim
Company: Ovo Labs GmbH
Working hours: Monday to Friday, 17:30 - 22:30, covering at least 3 evenings per week (ideally, all 5)
Contract: 1 year, with the possibility of further engagement
Start date: As soon as possible

About Ovo Labs

At Ovo Labs, our goal is to help more couples fulfil their dream of becoming parents. We are a venture-backed biotech startup developing a new class of therapeutics that improve human egg quality to radically increase IVF success rates. Our approach is based on breakthrough discoveries from the lab of Professor Melina Schuh at the Max Planck Institute, a pioneer in tracking human meiosis in real time using fluorescent microscopy techniques. Our therapeutics have already shown promising results in improving the quality of human eggs when applied in vitro and could be seamlessly integrated into existing IVF workflows. Partnering with world-leading IVF clinics and reproductive medicine experts, we are translating pioneering science into life-changing treatments to usher a new era in IVF.

Your Role

We are seeking a very reliable Cell Biologist or a technician with the relevant live cell handling experience to support our research team with regular evening work in our lab at the Helmholtz Campus in Neuherberg (Munich). You will contribute to experiments in unfertilised human and mouse oocytes following our established protocols. We will teach you the exact protocols and workflows – what matters most is that you execute the experiments reliably, with high precision and consistency.

Responsibilities

- Handle unfertilised human oocytes according to established protocols
- Handle mouse oocytes according to established protocols
- Fix cells and perform immunofluorescent stainings
- Prepare chromosomal spreads
- Image samples using confocal fluorescence microscopy (Zeiss system)
- Document all experimental steps accurately and consistently
- Prepare oocyte handling media according to a well-established recipe

Please note – at all times you will have a possibility to contact the supervising team to clarify any questions or ask for guidance.

Working Hours

- Regular work between 17:30 and 22:30, Monday to Friday, on at least 3 days per week (ideally all 5 days per week or if 3 days per week – on consistent days). Candidates who can work more days per week (i.e. 5 days) will be preferred
- No work is required at any other time of the day or the weekends
- During the initial training phase, working hours may be slightly different (e.g. early afternoon) – this will be arranged directly with your supervisor
- After the training phase, you are expected to work independently but in close coordination with our scientific team

Requirements

- BSc, MSc, PhD student or PostDoc with strong experience in cell biology, OR a technician with extensive experience in cell handling (e.g. tissue culture, handling of primary cells)
- Experience in handling mammalian cells is required
- Experience in handling of human or mouse oocytes is a very strong plus, but is not expected
- Experience with immunofluorescent stainings and confocal microscopy is a strong plus
- Very reliable and concentrated, with the ability to execute protocols with high precision
- Based in Munich and able to work from our lab at the Helmholtz Campus in Neuherberg
- Candidates who can start immediately will be preferred
- Fluent in English; German is a plus but not required

What We Offer

- Competitive pay equivalent to a full-time postdoc gross salary, calculated on the basis of actual hours worked
- 25 days of paid holiday per year at full-time equivalent (5 days per week), pro rata for fewer days per week
- A 1-year contract with a 3-month probation period. Further engagement is possible after the 1st year
- The opportunity to contribute to a new class of therapeutics with the potential to be one of the biggest improvements in infertility treatment since the discovery of IVF
- Full training in our protocols and workflows for working with human oocytes
- A dynamic, purpose-driven startup environment

Apply now by sending your CV to agata.zielinska@ovo-labs.com. Please include your earliest possible start date and the number of evenings per week you can work.