

PROFESSOR POSITION OF ENDOCRINOLOGY (90-100%)

The Faculty of Science and Medicine of the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, announces the opening of an open-rank position for a Professor of Endocrinology.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The successful candidate will hold an MD and/or PhD, along with a habilitation (or an equivalent title) in endocrinology or a related field (diabetes, obesity, nutrition, and reproductive endocrine medicine), and should be an acknowledged expert in this field with extensive experience in university-level research and teaching. Substantial leadership experience is also required.

Qualified applicants should have a proven track record of successful independent research in biomedical sciences, preferably in, but not limited to, physiology, experimental endocrinology, and cell biology. The successful candidate will be responsible for developing a competitive and internationally recognized research program sustained by external funding.

Collaboration with the cantonal hospital (HFR) would be desirable, particularly in endocrinology or diabetes, obesity, reproductive endocrinology or women's health.

A fully documented record of teaching endocrinology at the university level, including diabetes and obesity, is mandatory. Additional experience in organizing and teaching clinical endocrinology courses for external physicians and other medical professionals is desirable.

The University of Fribourg is bilingual (French/German). Knowledge of the second language (level B1 oral) is expected. If this is not the case, it must be acquired within two years of taking up the position.

Having signed the CoARA declaration, the University of Fribourg emphasizes qualitative assessment of academic achievement.

Seeking to promote an equitable representation of women and men, the University strongly encourages applications from women.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Please apply exclusively through the official Faculty of Science and Medicine recruiting tool by clicking on the following link: <https://scimed-recruiting.unifr.ch>.

Application deadline: 30 June 2026.

Please upload the following documents via the link above:

1. A cover letter specifying the position applied for (Professor of Endocrinology), addressed to the Dean, Prof. Michael Walch, President of the Search Committee.
2. A complete curriculum vitae, including the indication of managerial experience.
3. A full publication list, with the five most significant contributions highlighted.
4. The electronic version of the five most relevant publications.
5. A detailed record of teaching experience and interest.
6. A record of past and current funding.
7. A two-page description of the research you plan to undertake at the University of Fribourg.
8. An overview of infrastructure needs.
9. A copy of the highest degree diploma

You will also be asked to provide the names and contact details of three referees.

ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT

The Faculty of Science and Medicine is organized into two sections: the Section of Science and the Section of Medicine ([Sections | Faculty of Science and Medicine | University of Fribourg \(unifr.ch\)](#)). This organization is designed to foster collaboration between medicine and fundamental science disciplines, such as biology, chemistry, and physics, and provides many opportunities for joint projects and shared use of facilities. Current research priorities of the faculty are in the areas of cancer and cell fate, neuroscience, food and metabolism, materials science, sustainability and resilience, as well as digitalization and AI. A new project relates to women's health and exposome.

The Section of Medicine currently hosts 28 professors, organized into five research departments and one institute: the Department of Endocrinology, Metabolic Science and Cardiovascular System (EMC); the Department of Neurosciences and Movement Science (NMS); the Department of Oncology, Microbiology and Immunology (OMI), the Department of Community Health (MPH), the Department of Medical-Surgical Specialties (MSS) and the Institute of Family Medicine (IMF). Detailed information on the current research groups in the Medicine Section is available here: <https://www.unifr.ch/med/de/research/overview.html>.

The EMC Department, where the professor position in endocrinology is based, is engaged in basic and translational research, as well as teaching and continuing education in pre- and postgraduate clinical medicine. The department strives to provide a stimulating, collaborative, and supportive environment to enable researchers to conduct competitive and innovative science.

TEACHING

The Section of Medicine covers five distinct teaching domains ([Teaching Domains | Section of Medicine | University of Fribourg \(unifr.ch\)](#)). It offers study programs at the Bachelor, Master, and PhD levels. Instruction is provided in German, French, and English. While students are expected to understand both German and French, they can take their exams in either language. Master and PhD programs are primarily taught in English.

Certain programs, such as Human Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, are offered in close collaboration with partner institutions and neighboring universities. PhD students in the Section of Medicine can enroll in the PhD program Fribourg Graduate School of Life Science (FGLM), which is jointly organized with the Department of Biology (<https://www.unifr.ch/bio/en/studies/graduate-school-fglm/>).

Clinical teaching is provided in collaboration with HFR (Hôpital Fribourgeois), RFSM (Réseau Fribourgeois de Santé Mentale), and general practitioners.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

Rooms and facilities

The successful candidate and their research group will have offices and laboratories in buildings PER 09 at the University of Fribourg. They will have full access to a wide range of shared equipment, including BL2 cell culture labs, various types of centrifuges, -150/-80 freezers, bacterial shakers, multimode plate readers, nanodrop, fluorescent microscope, conventional and quantitative PCR machines, genetic analyzer. Within the EMC department there are multimode imaging systems for gels and immunoblots, Holomonitor live cell imaging system, hypoxia chambers, bioruptor sonicator, tissue processor and embedding station, cryotome, microtome, Langendorff system, ultrasound imaging platform for preclinical imaging. Additionally, they will have access to the cutting-edge imaging, flow cytometry, and metabolomics/proteomics core facilities of the Faculty of Science and Medicine. Depending on requirements and availability, space for 125-150 mouse cages can be allocated in the rodent facility.

Computers

The university's computer service provides all departmental members (academic and technical staff) with state-of-the-art PCs or Macs and the necessary software. Specific research software can also be

supported for research purposes; in such cases, a request should be submitted to the DIT (Direction Informatics).

Financial support

The successful candidate will receive funding for the following positions:

- 100% postdoc
- 100% PhD student
- 100% lab technician
- Secretarial support

Additionally, a one-time installation credit will be provided to support the setup of research activities and the laboratory, based on needs, the faculty's standard amounts, and available resources.

For IT support, the successful candidate will have access to the IT team of the Section of Medicine, as well as to the mechanical and electronics workshop.

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