

Vacancy notice for the Scientific Director of INFRAFRONTIER ERIC

INFRAFRONTIER, the European Research Infrastructure for Modelling Human Diseases, is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing disease understanding and treatment through cutting-edge models. Operated by a network of over 20 leading biomedical research institutes, it empowers research on human health and disease. Committed to excellence, INFRAFRONTIER adheres to rigorous scientific benchmarks and prioritizes animal welfare. Through collaboration with other infrastructures, it fosters global data sharing and contributes to tackling significant health challenges. INFRAFRONTIER serves as a platform for innovative technologies and knowledge exchange, leveraging the power of disease modelling to improve human health.

Responsibilities

The Scientific Director will act as the legal representative and the executive managing director of Infrafrontier ERIC together with an Administrative Director. S/he will be accountable to the Assembly of Members of the Infrafrontier ERIC for the performance of the following areas:

- Leadership of an international organization,
- Definition and proposal of the future strategy of Infrafrontier ERIC to the Assembly of Members,
- Efficient scientific management of Infrafrontier ERIC,
- Support of the Assembly of Members by setting the agenda of its meetings and preparation of its deliberations and decisions; as well as ensuring the execution of the decisions of the Assembly of Members,
- Leading the interactions with external stakeholders, coordination of public relations, dissemination activities and outreach to potential users,
- Coordinating the scientific output and consortium publications

Requirements of the role

- Renowned and leading scientists in rodent models and genetics with vast knowledge on research with *in vitro* and *in vivo* models and human disease modeling using advanced technologies,
- Familiarity with the European research area and funding system,
- Well-connected in the European Research Infrastructure Landscape (EC, ESFRI, Life-science RIs, ...),
- Knowledgeable about the ethical and legal frameworks for utilizing animals in research,
- Broad understanding of the legislative and ethical frameworks and statutory requirements related to the general RI environment in Europe,
- Broad strategic vision and a business perspective in RI management,
- Ability to communicate objectives and activities to different stakeholder groups as well as to balance diverging stakeholder requirements,
- Expertise in service development, including a solid understanding of intellectual property rights.

Terms and conditions

Infrafrontier ERIC will pay an appropriate allowance to the Scientific Director.

The advertised position is not a full-time post. It is conceived as a part-time position (approx. 6 hrs / week) that can be carried out in addition to existing obligations.

Summary of application process

Applications must be submitted via

herault@igbmc.fr

Applications using other means are not accepted.

The application should contain:

- A cover letter including motivation for the position
- A curriculum vitae

Applications submitted after October 31st 2026 may not be considered.

The recruitment procedure will be as follows:

- The top candidates will be invited to give a presentation on-site in Neuherberg near Munich, Germany in November/December.
- The official appointment of the Scientific Director of Infrafrontier ERIC depends on the availability of the candidate. The preferred starting date is in Q1 2027.

For further inquiries regarding the position, please contact the Scientific Chairperson of the INFRAFRONTIER ERIC Assembly of Members Dr. Yann HERAULT (herault@igbmc.fr)