



Vacancy: Lab Manager Molecular Biodiversity

The Cluster of Excellence "[TERRA-Terrestrial Geo-Biosphere Interactions in a Changing World](#)" is seeking to fill the position of

Lab Manager for Molecular Biodiversity (m/f/d, E11 TV-L, 80%),

from January 2026 on a fixed-term contract from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2032.

TERRA is an interdisciplinary research initiative of the Universities of Tübingen and Hohenheim and the Senckenberg Society for Nature Research in Frankfurt. We investigate interactions between the geosphere and biosphere and their significance in a changing environment. As part of TERRA, a Molecular Biodiversity Lab (MBL) is being set up at the Department of Biology at the University of Tübingen as a central infrastructure for projects that investigate biodiversity using high-throughput molecular methods (e.g. genetic diversity of plants and animals and diversity of microbial communities).

The duties of the position include: (1) Collaboration in the planning and development of the MBL, (2) management of the MBL, including coordination of its use by different research groups, (3) setting up a pipetting robot and responsibility for its operation, and (4) instructing and training scientists and technicians in the use of MBL technology, as well as implementing and further developing lab protocols for next-generation sequencing.

We expect you to have completed training as a biological-technical assistant (BTA) or have a comparable qualification with many years of experience in next-generation sequencing and/or laboratory management, or a university degree in molecular biology with substantial laboratory experience. Experience with NGS or laboratory automation is generally an advantage. The working language at TERRA is English. Therefore, good English skills (at least B2) are essential, and additional German skills (A2 or higher) are an advantage.

We are looking for a team player with good organisational skills, English language skills and an interest in scientific research. We offer a varied and responsible position in an exciting international research environment. Tübingen is a great place to work with a high quality of life.

Please send your application (cover letter, CV, certificates = one PDF file) by 31 October 2025 at the latest to MBL@biologie.uni-tuebingen.de with the subject line 'Application: Your name [TERRA-09]'. Severely disabled persons will be given preferential consideration if equally qualified. Recruitment is carried out by the University's Central Administration.

If you have any technical questions, please contact Oliver Bossdorf at oliver.bossdorf@uni-tuebingen.de.