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PhD positions at the German Cancer Research Center

Dear Professor Vaupotič,

I am writing to inform you about two opportunities for graduate studies at the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) in Heidelberg, Germany.

The Winter Selection has now opened for the **Helmholtz International Graduate School for Cancer Research**, an interdisciplinary PhD program providing students with the opportunity to conduct research at the forefront of basic and translational cancer research. Interested candidates should submit a general application using our online application system at www.dkfz.de/phd. I enclose a copy of our poster for the Graduate School and would be grateful if you could display this in a prominent position in your department.

Additionally, we are recruiting PhD students for the **German-Israeli Helmholtz Research School in Cancer Biology**, a PhD initiative between the DKFZ and the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel. PhD students of the Research School are jointly supervised by scientists of the Weizmann Institute and spend part of their research project working in Israel. Further information about the Research School and how to apply can be found in the enclosed flyer and on the webpage: <http://www.dkfz.de/en/phd-program/GIHRS.html>.

The next deadline for PhD applications for both the Graduate School and the Research School is **5th January 2014** and shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a 3-day interview at the end of February.

I would be grateful if you would bring our PhD opportunities to the attention of your talented and motivated students who have completed, or will shortly complete a diploma or masters degree in the area of life sciences, health, mathematics or physics.

PhD applicants require a masters degree, however for talented undergraduate students we also offer a Summer Internship in Cancer Research in August/September 2014. Please find attached an information sheet about this program.

Many thanks and best wishes,



Dr. Lindsay Murrells, PhD Program Manager

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DKFZ Summer Internship in Cancer Research, 2014

Heidelberg, Germany



The DKFZ Summer Internship in Cancer Research is an 8-week program for outstanding and ambitious undergraduate students who are interested in gaining laboratory research experience. The internship will take place **from 1st August until 30th September 2014**.

The Internship is organized by the **Helmholtz International Graduate School in Cancer Research** of the German Cancer Research Center (Deutsches Krebsforschungszentrum; DKFZ).

The DKFZ is the largest biomedical research institute in Germany and is a member of the Helmholtz Association of National Research Centers. The DKFZ, located in scenic Heidelberg, has more than 2,500 staff members, including approximately 850 scientists and 450 PhD students. Research at the DKFZ is committed to unraveling the causes and mechanisms of cancer development and, based on the new research findings, to develop novel strategies for the diagnosis, treatment, early detection, and prevention of cancer.

Students of the Summer Internship in Cancer Research will spend **8 weeks working in a laboratory of the DKFZ**, where they will have the opportunity to participate in cutting edge research in cancer-related biology, and to interact with leading scientists in the field as well as fellow students from around Europe.

Students will also take part in the **Internship Core Course**, which covers recent research at the DKFZ via a series of research seminars and will have the opportunity to take part in a soft-skills courses about topics related to scientific presenting and communication. In addition, events with DKFZ PhD students and outings in and around Heidelberg will be organized.

To be **eligible** to apply for the DKFZ Summer Internship you must be working towards a masters or bachelors degree and be able to provide proof that you are enrolled in a university for the full duration of the internship (i.e. until the end of September 2014).

For details of **how to apply online** for the DKFZ Summer Internship in Cancer Research, please visit our website **www.dkfz.de/phd/Internship.html**.

As part of your application, you will be asked to provide electronic copies (PDF format) of the following documents:

- university registration certificate that confirms your status as a student
- high school certificate(s)
- university transcript of records.

In addition, you will be asked to provide a letter of support from your university supervisor/advisor.

We particularly encourage applications from international students. A limited number of fellowships for the Summer School are available, but applicants are strongly encouraged to organize their own funding.

The deadline for application (including the letter of support) is **1st March 2014**. We will inform you by the end of March, 2014 whether your application has been shortlisted for the second round of review, during which you will be asked to select from a list of summer research projects.