

Job advertisement no. 110/2025

The Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research (HZI) is offering the position of a

Scientific Writer (f/m/d)

HZI is Germany's largest academic institution dedicated to infection research. It is a member of the Helmholtz Association, Germany's largest scientific organization, ranked among the top global research institutions, and a member of the German Center for Infection Research (DZIF). HZI is associated with the Technical University Braunschweig and the Hannover Medical School (MHH), one of the top medical schools in the world.

Within the newly established "**Microbial Stargazing**" initiative and the "**Human Microbe Alliance for Universal Health**" program, we are looking for a Scientific Writer to work within the HZI research support team that provides comprehensive support to our scientists. **HUMAN** is based on an integrative approach that applies novel technologies, systems biology, medical/life sciences and informatics to understand, predict and therapeutically target the mechanisms underlying health and disease. The HUMAN program is linked to and benefits from the **MICROSTAR** program. MICROSTAR focuses on microbes, their effector mechanisms and their adaptation strategies in competition with other organisms. Together, **HUMAN-MICROSTAR** applies a holistic and comprehensive approach that has the potential to provide groundbreaking insights and new solutions for human health in the context of its microbial environment. More details here: www.helmholtz-hzi.de/human-microstar.

HUMAN-MICROSTAR offers a dynamic environment with young research groups, providing the opportunity to actively participate in the development of this exciting project. Your responsibilities will include assistance in writing and editing scientific and strategic publications as well as grant applications.

Requirements:

- University degree in biology, biochemistry, molecular medicine or equivalent; PhD preferred, but not required. Equivalent experience and degrees will be duly considered.
- Outstanding English grant and manuscript writing skills
- Previous editorial experience at a high-quality journal
- Comprehensive understanding of laboratory techniques and research in infection research
- A 'can do' attitude combining the ability to prioritize multiple tasks and work well under pressure
- Scrupulous attention to detail, reliability and commitment
- Favorable requirements:
 - Experience in successful international grant writing, including philanthropic foundations and private donors are desirable
 - Experience in drafting complex animal research proposals and statistical calculations for test group sizes is desirable

We offer you:

- Challenging and varied tasks in a dynamic and international research environment
- Extensive training and continuing education opportunities to develop professional knowledge and personal skills
- A state-of-the-art infrastructure and the latest technologies
- Flexible working hours and part-time models to balance work and personal life
- A corporate culture of appreciation and promotion of equal opportunities
- A family office offering support for balancing family and career as well as childcare services
- Interesting additional public service benefits
- Option of an additional employer subsidy for the job ticket

People with severe disabilities and equivalent professional qualifications who are suitable for the position are given preference. In order to protect your rights, we ask you to provide us with a clearly recognizable reference to the existence of a degree of severe disability in your cover letter or resume.

The HZI is actively committed to equality, diversity and integration. For this reason, the HZI pursues the goal of professional equality between women and men. The position is suitable for part-time work.

Starting date:	As soon as possible. Initially limited to 2 years.
Salary:	E13 TVöD Bund
Working time:	39 hours per week
Place of work:	Braunschweig
Probation period:	6 months
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Closing date:	11.01.2026

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How to apply:

When sending us your application documents, **please confirm** that you have read our privacy policy and that you agree to the processing of your personal data. Please use the text module in our [privacy policy](#) for this purpose. **Without these declarations we cannot consider or process your application** and will immediately delete any application documents already received after the application deadline.

Please include a cover letter, resume, (employment) references, certificates, and (if available) work samples or reference projects with your application materials. Please refrain from sending a photo.

Please send your complete application, quoting the **reference number 110/2025**, to the Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research GmbH, Department People & Culture, Inhoffenstr. 7, 38124 Braunschweig, Germany or by [e-mail](#). If you send your application in electronic form, please provide a **summary in one single (1) pdf document**.

We look forward to receiving your application!