
Institute for Research in Biomedicine (IRB) and Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) **Open a competition for the position of Director of the Institute for Research in Biomedicine in Bellinzona, Switzerland**

The successful candidate will be leading the Institute for Research in Biomedicine (IRB) located in Bellinzona, Switzerland. Founded in 2000, the Institute performs basic research in the field of biomedicine, with a focus on immunology. Under the direction of Prof. Antonio Lanzavecchia, IRB has become a major international research center. It includes 12 independent research groups committed to the highest international standards of excellence in fundamental research.

The future director will also be appointed to the Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) as a full professor. Since 2010, IRB is affiliated to the Faculty of Biomedical Sciences at USI. In addition, IRB has established strong partnerships with several Swiss universities, in particular with ETH Zurich. IRB has also developed an International PhD Program in Immunology, Cell Biology and Biochemistry. In 2020, the Institute will move in a brand new building, together with the Institute of Oncology Research and the Neurocentro della Svizzera Italiana.

The successful candidate will be an inspiring leader with a clear vision for the Institute development, managerial capabilities and collegial skills. He/she will have an outstanding scientific record and proved capacity to attract grants. A strong link to immunology would be preferable. The Director will promote the visibility of the Institute at the local, national and international level and will be responsible for the recruitment of new group leaders. We also expect the successful candidate to be able to attract consistent national and international grants.

The future director shall chair the Institute starting at the latest in July 2020 (the term is subject to negotiation) and will be assigned an attractive start-up package, as well as competitive salary conditions.

USI strives to be an equal opportunity and family-friendly employer and is further responsive to the needs of dual career couples. We specifically encourage women to apply.

Applications in electronic format including the following documents:

- 1) Curriculum Vitae
- 2) Cover letter summarizing research accomplishments (1-2 pages)
- 3) Brief description of the research program intending to pursue at IRB (3 pages max)
- 4) The name and contact information of 3 references, must reach our offices at the following email address: director.irb@usi.ch, preferably before April 30st, 2018.

Incomplete applications received at other addresses will be rejected.

For further information, please contact Prof. Mario Bianchetti, Dean of the Faculty of Biomedical Sciences, Università della Svizzera italiana (mario.bianchetti@usi.ch) or Dr. Mariagrazia Uguccioni, Vice-director of IRB (mariagrazia.uguccioni@irb.usi.ch)