



Call for Postdoc Positions at the German Center for Diabetes Research (DZD)



Diabetes is a growing public health issue linked to lifestyle, nutrition, environment, and genetics. Addressing this challenge requires the development of new preventive or therapeutic, diagnostic or technological concepts and tools.

2 Postdoc Positions in Germany in Collaboration with Inserm | The German Center for Diabetes Research (DZD) is offering two postdoc positions at one of [DZD Partner Sites](#). The project will be conducted in collaboration with a French lab at one of the sites of the French National Institute of Health and Medical Research (Inserm). This initiative aims to strengthen German-French collaboration in metabolism research.

Opportunity for Early Career Researchers from France | The DZD encourages postdoctoral researchers in France who are in the early stages of their careers to apply for a postdoctoral position in a DZD laboratory. This opportunity allows researchers to advance their careers in Germany by joining a nationwide institution that covers all aspects of metabolism research and provides access to a broad research network.



If **you have a research idea** and find the right environment at a DZD lab, reach out to the principal investigator (PI).



Interested in **exploring DZD research topics**?
Check out our list and contact the PI to learn more.

Projects

- ▶ Diabetes type 1 or type 2 and/or diabetes-related clinical complications
- ▶ Early translational, clinical, or epidemiological research
- ▶ Projects are conducted at a DZD partner site in new or established collaborations with a French research group associated with Inserm

Eligibility Criteria

- ▶ Postdoctoral researchers (natural, medical, and clinician) at an early career phase holding a PhD or MD degree, preferably from a French university
- ▶ Proven research experience in metabolism research

Application Process

Submit the application file in English as one PDF containing:

1. The completed application form with applicant and project details.
2. A letter of support from the host DZD PI confirming project resources.
3. A letter from the French collaborator acknowledging participation.

Evaluation Criteria

- Candidate's skills and experience relevant to the project:
A proven interdisciplinary career path is an advantage, i.e., working in an interdisciplinary group, publishing together with scientists with different areas of expertise.
 - ☑ Scientific track record of the applicant will be evaluated.
- Quality, feasibility, and expected impact of the research project:
The project must advance knowledge in the field and should have the potential to generate the basis of future research directions. Encouraged are fascinating "high-risk" projects with potential for a scientific breakthrough that transform the frontier of knowledge and impact metabolism medicine.
 - ☑ Potential impact of the proposed work on enhancing scientific understanding or promoting the translational transfer of scientific results into novel concepts for prevention, diagnosis, and therapy.
 - ☑ Plausibility and excellence of the experimental set-up / working plan.
- ▶ Adequacy of the host laboratory environment and available resources.

Program Benefits

- Two-year postdoctoral salary (including social security contributions)
- Being part of the DZD network – Germany's largest community for diabetes and metabolism research
- Participation in DZD NEXT - the Early Career Developmental Program

Timelines

- Deadline for application submission: July 15, 2026
- Notification of selected candidates: End of August 2026
- Expected starting date of positions: January 2027

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DZD Partner Sites:

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