In the International Research Training Group 2466: “Network, exchange, and training program to understand plant resource allocation” within the Faculty of Mathematics & Natural Science of the Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, Germany, two positions as a

**PhD student**

(65 %, pay grade 13 TV-L)

are to be filled starting May 1, 2020. The employment is limited for 3 years. An earlier starting point is negotiable. It is a qualification position in the sense of the Act of Academic Fixed-Term Contract (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz – WissZeitVG), which is to promote the scientific qualification of the employee.

The IRTG 2466, funded by the German Research Foundation, is a joint effort of Heinrich Heine University, Research Center Jülich, and the Graduate Program in Genetics at Michigan State University (USA). Researchers of these institutions are pursuing innovative strategies to address fundamental problems in plant biology.

The iGRAD-Plant Graduate Program offers a comprehensive, interdisciplinary PhD training program in the fields of molecular plant sciences, plant genetics, synthetic biology and quantitative biology. Future PhD students will join courses in transferable and scientific skills, regular seminars and retreats and practical courses in state-of-the-art laboratory methods. The training program is jointly organized by all three partner institutions.

We are looking for talented, highly motivated applicants holding an excellent bachelor’s degree (minimum grade 1.5), a master’s degree (or equivalent) in biology, biochemistry or a related discipline.

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The pay scale grouping will be, depending on the personal qualification of the applicant, up to pay grade 13 TV-L.

In principle, the employment can also take place part-time, if no compelling official reasons are opposed in an individual case.

Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf aims at increasing the percentage of employed women. Applications from women will therefore be given preference in cases of equal aptitude, ability and professional achievements unless there are exceptional reasons for choosing another applicant. Applications from suitably qualified severely disabled persons or disabled persons regarded as being of equal status according to Book IX of the German Social Code (SGB – Soziales Gesetzbuch) are encouraged.

Your contact person in case of questions is Dr. Petra Fackendahl, email: igrad-plant@hhu.de.

Please submit your application documents (for information visit http://www.igrad-plant.hhu.de) citing **reference number 145 T 19 – 3.1 until 10.11.2019** preferably by email to: igrad-plant@hhu.de

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Please do not submit application materials in folders and be sure to send copies only, as documents will not be returned (they will be destroyed after the selection procedure has been completed).