

Job vacancy No. 096-2022

The Leibniz Institute of Polymer Research Dresden is a non-university research institute and a member of the Leibniz Association. It has gained world-wide reputation for its application-oriented basic research on new polymer materials for future technologies, e.g. in the fields of energy, mobility, health, sustainability, and communication, and it supports the transfer of research results into application. The research work is carried out on the basis of state-of-the-art technical equipment in interdisciplinary cooperation between the five institutes of the IPF and embedded in numerous national and international cooperations. The IPF promotes young scientists and is certified as a family-friendly employer according to the Audit berufundfamilie®. The institute currently employs around 500 persons. Further information at www.ipfdd.de.

The research group „Fiber-Engineering“ offers a position at the IPF-Institut of Polymer Materials, Department Processing Technology as

PhD Student (m/f/x) / Research Associate.

The position is integrated within the EU MEra.net - project GRADIENT (project details at: <https://m-era.net/joint-calls/joint-call-2021>) with 3 further partners, associated partners in international (Sweden, Latvia) and interdisciplinary research tasks. The objective of the project is the development of approaches to reduce stress concentrations in the fiber-matrix interphase in order to increase the durability of fiber-reinforced composite structures. This is achieved by fiber surface modification for a gradation of the interphase to avoid the distinct stiffness difference occurring between fiber and matrix. The project addresses the need for new methodologies and validation tools for interphase optimization required in all composite market sectors to gain knowhow in the complex field of interphase formation, their stress transfer capability and damage behavior.

Task description

- solution of research tasks for targeted interfacial layer build-up in fiber composites by means of surface modification on glass fibers
- comprehensive chemical, physical and mechanical characterization of glass fibers and resins for benchmarking purposes
- design of experiments for the production of microscale model composite systems with graded layer structure and nanoparticle-containing sizings on single fibers
- design of experiments for the transfer of results to mesoscale composite systems on glass rovings
- preparation and provision of data for simulation
- internal and external planning of the interdisciplinary project, scientific work, internal and external reporting and communication;
- generation of scientific results in the form of publications, posters and presentations including participation in national / international conferences;
- further publication activities (website design, social media...)

Requirements

- Master / Diploma/ PhD degree in in one or more of the following fields: materials science, chemistry, physics, chemical engineering
- experience in working on scientific projects in the field of materials development, especially fillers/nanoparticles as well as fiber-matrix interfaces
- experience in publishing reviewed journal articles as well as technical presentations
- very good communication skills (verbal and written in English), act in an international and diverse environment
- very good performance in project and self-organization, independent, target- and solution-driven work attitude, strong analytic and problem-solving skills, and creativity.

Salary: According to German pay grade TV-L EG 13 (75% of the full-time weekly hours)
Starting date: August 2022
Duration: 34 month

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The desire to work across disciplines is essential. If you are motivated by these challenges, please submit your excellent record of accomplishment with research interests, full CV, a detailed description of hands-on training in experimental and characterization methods to the IPF Human Resources Department. **Don't forget to indicate the number of the Job vacancy.**

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