



Postdoctoral Programme in Investigation of Superheavy Nuclei at the DGFRS-2 Separator

12-month contract, renewable for max. of another 24 months

Your mission

The primary objective of this postdoctoral position is to advance the synthesis and decay spectroscopy of superheavy elements using fusion-evaporation reactions at the new Dubna Gas-Filled Recoil Separator (DGFRS-2). This will enable more precise measurements of nuclear properties near the "island of stability" and contribute to the extension of the nuclear landscape beyond the currently known elements. The work will be carried out in direct collaboration with the Flerov Laboratory of Nuclear Reactions (FLNR) at JINR, building upon the existing cooperation between IMP and JINR in the field of superheavy element research. It is aimed at studying the radioactive decay characteristics of heavy nuclei and the development of experimental techniques for the synthesis of nuclei in the superheavy region, including advanced data analysis methodologies and detector optimization.

Your tasks

You will work with our sector at the gas-filled recoil separator DGFRS-2. Your research programme will focus on:

- Active participation in the development of experimental techniques for the synthesis of nuclei in the superheavy region;
- Investigation of the radioactive decay characteristics of these nuclei using the existing setups at DGFRS-2;
- Assistance to the scientists in charge of the facility when hosting international collaborators for experiments with a similar scientific scope, including contributions to data analysis and manuscript preparation, in order to further develop your scientific network.

You will be supervised by Dr. Vladimir Utyonkov, who will guide your research while encouraging your independent scientific contributions. English will be the working language in our laboratory,

and we are fully confident that your English proficiency meets the requirements for effective collaboration within our international team.

Constraints and risks

The candidate is expected to participate in the experiments at the DGFRS-2 facility. Shift work and work on weekends may be necessary during experiments. Remote work for data analysis and article preparation is allowed. The work will be carried out at the accelerator facilities of FLNR, whereby the necessary authorizations will be issued following the annual medical examination arranged by the employer.

Depending on your citizenship, you may need to obtain a visa and this process can last several months. JINR offers all the necessary support for obtaining the entry permit for the Russian Federation.

Your profile

- Highly motivated candidate with a PhD (obtained less than 5 years ago) in particle physics and nuclear physics, or in a similar field.
- Age under 40, have not had more than 3 temporary positions.
- Strong background in experimental physics or nuclear science is a prerequisite.
- Practical experience in fusion-evaporation reaction experiments and/or decay spectroscopy of heavy and superheavy nuclei would be advantageous.
- As an international intergovernmental research organization, we are particularly keen to ensure that we also attract applicants from outside Russia. You must have a good knowledge of English and be willing to learn Russian (a language course will be paid for by JINR).

** Winners of last year's JINR Postdoctoral Programme and JINR Fellowship Programme who were previously employed at JINR are not eligible to participate in the contest again, as current JINR employees.*

Candidates from JINR Member States are considered for employment at the Institute by nomination from JINR Member States Plenipotentiary Representative.

What we offer

High quality of life

Called the "Island of Stability", the city of Dubna is ideally located on the bank of Europe's largest waterway — the Volga River (only 2.5 hours from Moscow by train or bus and 1.5 hours by car from Sheremetyevo International Airport). It is important for us that our employees quickly and easily adapt to the new living conditions and have a healthy work-life balance. Therefore, we offer accommodation in comfortable guest-house rooms (for single employees), or fully furnished flats owned by JINR, and annual paid leave.

Prospects

We guarantee you a **12-months postdoctoral contract, renewable for max. of another 24 months (36 month in total)**, in a multicultural scientific environment.

Remuneration

US\$ 2,300 per month (paid in Russian rubles at the planned exchange rate (forecasted year-average, adopted in the JINR budget for the current year, which is fixed on the date of conclusion of the contract and valid throughout its entire term). In 2026, the exchange rate is RUB 92.2 per US\$ 1. The exchange rate for 2027 is preliminary planned to be RUB 87.4 per US\$ 1).*

Income tax of 13 % is applied. The employer shall pay no pension insurance.

*The average per capita income in the Moscow region is 110 thousand rubles.

Benefits

We offer considerable social benefits: annual paid leave of 42 calendar days with an additional one-time payment of 50 % of your monthly salary after one year of employment, air fare (except for family members) at the beginning and the end of the employment period in case the terms of the contract are fulfilled, accommodation support (50 %, excluding the cost of utilities and furniture rental), free local health insurance for you and your family members, relocation assistance (transfer from/to airport at the beginning and end of the contract for all family members). We also offer free Russian language courses and subsidies for the use of JINR sports infrastructure for the employee (Olympic swimming pool, stadium, gym, climbing wall, etc.), as well as access to a variety of cultural activities.

Apply now



Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR) — operates a large park of accelerators and a reactor based intense neutron source in Dubna (Russia). From the very foundation of the Institute, the implementation of the JINR motto “Science brings nations together” has grown into a special scientific atmosphere of mutual respect and support. Let's work together to better understand the fundamental properties of matter that might enable a quantum leap in the living standards of our society.

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