

## Master thesis positions

**Subject:** Analysis of a new class of epigenetically active small non-coding RNAs

**Place of work (Dienstort):** Department of General Surgery, Medical University of Vienna, Anna Spiegel II (AKH-Campus, 1090 Vienna) – Waehringer Guertel 18-20

**Starting date (Start):** 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025; first round of interviews will begin immediately.

**Duration:** 9 (work) + 3 (finishing and writing) months – **full time (Beschäftigungsausmaß)**

**End (Ende):** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026

**Topic:** A new class of small RNAs was discovered, with characteristics different from all known small-RNA types discovered so far. They seem to be directly involved in epigenetic regulation of gene expression and cell differentiation, and—probably—in (transgenerational) epigenetic inheritance. Cell culture in combination with silencing and over-expression methods and high-throughput sequencing technologies will be employed to verify several characteristics inferred from the analyses of already obtained and publicly available data. The evolutionary aspect could also be analyzed.

**Additional information:** [Information \(Patent\)](#)

### Requirements:

- University/FH student with a Bachelor's degree in the field of molecular biology/biomedical sciences/biochemistry/pharmacy
- Profound wet lab skills or profound bioinformatical skills
- Experience in cell culture and molecular biological techniques
- Careful and diligent
- Willingness to work with material from patients
- High motivation; good communication, and team player skills
- Experience in bioinformatics (Linux) is a plus
- German language is also a plus

**Compensation (Entgelt):** according to Med. Univ. Vienna scheme ("Forschungsbeihilfe" € 440,- per month; 12 months)

**If you are interested, please send your applications, including a letter of motivation, as soon as possible until 01.10.2025 to:**  
**(Bewerbungsfrist: 01.10.2025)**

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