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University of Freiburg Launches Master in Neuroscience

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New interdisciplinary program will have an international orientation

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Starting in the 2016/17 winter semester, students at the University of Freiburg can work toward a master's degree in neuroscience. The English-taught degree program will be offered jointly by the Faculty of Biology, the Faculty of Engineering, and the Faculty of Economics and Behavioral Sciences. "Brain research isn't just a matter for doctors or biologists. Physicists, engineers, mathematicians, and behavioral scientists are also engaged in research into the brain and the nervous system at various levels – from the molecule to behavior," says Prof. Dr. **Carsten Mehring** from the Faculty of Biology and Bernstein Center Freiburg, the University of Freiburg's neuroscience research institute. Admission to the degree program is competitive and will be limited initially to 15 students. Citizens of the European Union (EU) can apply online until 15 July 2016. The deadline for applicants from outside the EU is 31 May 2016.

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The master's program is geared toward graduates of bachelor's or equivalent international degree programs in mathematics, engineering, behavioral sciences, or natural sciences. It is designed to prepare students for the future challenges of interdisciplinary neurosciences. They will receive extensive insight into research being conducted in Freiburg and can choose from specializations in computational neuroscience, neuro-/optophysiology, neurotechnology, and neurodevelopmental biology. In addition, students will have the option to take selected courses at the Universities of Strasbourg and Basel via the trinational NeuroCampus.

Research positions at the university will not be the only career option open to graduates. They will also be qualified for positions in healthcare, industry, and the service and consultancy sectors, because neuroscientists are interested applying the findings from their research to develop new medical therapies and new technologies for biomedical applications. “Neuroscientific findings are not just interesting from an academic standpoint. They also play a vital role in improving treatment of brain diseases and developing new therapies,” says Mehring.

Information on admissions

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