The Hertie Institute for Clinical Brain Research (HIH) is one of the largest centers for clinical and disease-oriented brain research in Germany. The Hertie Institute strives to conduct neuroscientific research at the highest level of excellence and to translate its results into novel methods for the diagnosis and treatment of patients with neurologic diseases. During the 15 years of its existence, the institute has grown to more than 350 employees and is home to 32 research groups. Located in Tübingen, the Hertie Institute builds on a long tradition in neuroscience. Together with its partners at the university, the German Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases (DZNE), the Werner Reichardt Center for Integrative Neuroscience (CIN) and the local Max Planck Institutes, it is part of the successful and vibrant Neuroscience Campus Tübingen.

The institute is now seeking young and highly motivated scientists from all over the world who wish to pursue a career in any field of basic, translational or clinical neuroscience that complements and enriches existing strengths at the HIH and who are interested in building up and leading their own independent Junior Research Group. Interested candidates should have an excellent early-career track record in basic or translational neuroscientific research in an area of strategic interest to the HIH (refer to HIH web-site).

The group will have full access to cutting-edge scientific infrastructure, state-of-the-art equipment and the rich collaborative opportunities.

HIH Junior Research Group leaders are given early independence and have attractive career prospects (funding for up to 7 years, support and flexibility in the family phase, mentoring and special courses on leadership skills at the Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, which is one of Germany’s top-level research universities). In addition, they are given the opportunity to gain teaching experience and acquire the necessary qualifications for a higher academic career.

The HIH Junior Research Group receives a budget of up to €250,000 per year. This covers costs for:

- the position of the group leader
- scientific or technical staff (e.g. postdoctoral scientist, PhD student, technician)
- expenses for materials and supplies.
- An additional start-up package for investments can be negotiated

Candidates with substantial external funding (ERC- or Emmy Noether Grant holders or comparable) will be eligible for generous add-on support. Funding will be for five years with the option of an extension for two more years subject to successful review after 4 years.

Applicants should have postdoctoral experience (up to six years) and the ability to lead a research group. Excellent female scientists are particularly encouraged to apply.

We are looking forward to hearing from you and invite all interested colleagues to send an application with their curriculum vita, a concise description of their current research activities and achievements, a research program for a 5-year term (not to exceed 5 pages) as well as a description of how they will bring added value to the HIH portfolio together with 2 letters of reference to Prof. Thomas Gasser, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hertie Institute for Clinical Brain Research: thomas.gasser@uni-tuebingen.de

The position will be open until a convincing candidate has been found.