Center for Advancing Electronics Dresden

For the **ERC Grant project “Development of Functional Conjugated Two-Dimensional Metal-Organic Frameworks” FC2DMOF** the **Chair of Molecular Functional Materials** offers the following position as

**Research Associate / Postdoc**  
(subject to personal qualification employees are remunerated according to salary group E 13 TV-L)

**Research area:** Synthesis of conjugated two-dimensional metal-organic frameworks and functions in (opto-)electronics and magnetics

**Investigators:** Dr. Renhao Dong

**research path:** Organic/Polymer Path

**Terms:** starting **01.08.2020**, limited for 30 months with the possibility of extension. The period of employment is governed by the Fixed-Term Research Contracts Act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz – WissZeitVG). The position offers the chance to obtain further academic qualification.

**Position and Requirements**

Metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) have been highlighted for the functions in catalysis, gas storage and separation. In the past, MOFs were regarded as insulators due to the large separation of metal centers by multi-atom, insulating organic ligands, etc. Recent advances disclose that the designs of conjugated 2D MOFs (C2DMOFs) have led to improved intrinsic conductivity. However, the related research remains immature due to lack of high-quality thin film/nanosheet samples, very limited structural types and elusive transport mechanism. To address the above challenges, the European Research Council (ERC) has approved the research project "Development of Functional Conjugated Two-Dimensional Metal-Organic Frameworks (FC2DMOF)" with a prestigious and highly competitive Starting Grant of 1.5 million EUR for 5 years.

Dr. Dong's team (including 1 PI, 8 PhD students and 3 Postdocs now) is currently focused on the synthesis of organic 2D materials which emerge as outstanding candidates for a great number of electronic/magnetic/sensing/energy applications  
(Website of Dr. Renhao Dong: [https://tu-dresden.de/mn/chemie/mc/mc2/die-professur/gruppenleiter/dr-renhao-dong](https://tu-dresden.de/mn/chemie/mc/mc2/die-professur/gruppenleiter/dr-renhao-dong)). Within this European Project, the goal of this "FC2DMOF" research is to synthesise conjugated 2D MOFs bearing electronic/magnetic functions.

The successful candidate will be responsible for: Design and synthesis of conjugated molecules and 2D MOFs; Production and functionalisation of large-area, single-layer and few-layer 2D MOF films by interfacial chemistry and CVD synthesis; Development and preparation of 2D MOF nanosheet dispersions and inks by solution synthesis and liquid phase exfoliation; Formulation of 2D MOFs and other 2D materials (like h-BN, graphene, TMDCs) into van der Waals heterostructures with added functionality; Application research in the field of field effect transistors, Hall effect devices, photodetectors, magnetics and energy storage/conversion; organisational tasks within the ERC project.

We aim at attracting the best talent in the respective research fields and expect the following: an outstanding university and doctoral degree in organic chemistry, coordination chemistry, polymer chemistry or similar; previous experience in organic/polymer/MOF synthesis and
electronics/magnetics/energy technologies; very good interpersonal and communication skills; in particular, the ability to effectively work in collaborative research efforts; an independent, target- and solution-driven work attitude; inter- and multidisciplinary thinking; strong motivation and interest to join one of the most ambitious interdisciplinary research clusters; fluency in English - written and oral.

What we offer
You will join a team of enthusiastic scientists who pursue creatively their individual research agenda inspired by the research center's innovative approach and support. Your research will be fostered by the cfaed philosophy to promote young researchers, which includes: access to state of the art research of leading academic institutes; promotion of gender equality and family-friendly work environment.

Informal enquiries can be submitted to Dr. Renhao Dong, Tel +49 (351) 463 40364; Email: renhao.dong@tu-dresden.de.

Applications from women are particularly welcome. The same applies to people with disabilities.

Application Procedure
Your application (in English only) should include: motivation letter, CV, copy of degree certificate and proof of English language skills.

Complete applications with the reference FC2DMOF-2020-06 should be submitted by post to: TU Dresden, cfaed, Dr. Renhao Dong, Helmholtzstr. 10, 01069 Dresden. The closing date for applications is 06.07.2020 (stamped arrival date of the university central mail service applies). Please submit copies only, as your application will not be returned to you. Expenses incurred in attending interviews cannot be reimbursed.

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