

Technische Universität Dresden - Faculty of Chemistry and Food Chemistry, Chair of Theoretical Chemistry



TUD Dresden University of Technology, as a University of Excellence, is one of the leading and most dynamic research institutions in Germany. Founded in 1828, today it is a globally oriented, regionally anchored top university as it focuses on the grand challenges of the 21st century. It develops innovative solutions for the world's most pressing issues. In research and academic programs, the university unites the natural and engineering sciences with the humanities, social sciences and medicine. This wide range of disciplines is a special feature, facilitating interdisciplinarity and transfer of science to society. As a modern employer, it offers attractive working conditions to all employees in teaching, research, technology and administration. The goal is to promote and develop their individual abilities while empowering everyone to reach their full potential. TUD embodies a university culture that is characterized by cosmopolitanism, mutual appreciation, thriving innovation and active participation. For TUD, diversity is an essential feature and a quality criterion of an excellent university. Accordingly, we welcome all applicants who would like to commit themselves, their achievements and productivity to the success of the whole institution.

Research Associate / Postdoc (m/f/x)

At the Faculty of Chemistry and Food Chemistry, the Chair of Theoretical Chemistry offers a position as Research Associate / Postdoc (m/f/x) (subject to personal qualification employees are remunerated according to salary group E 13 TV-L) starting as soon as possible. The position is limited to 2 years (max. until September 30, 2027). The period of employment is governed by the Fixed Term Research Contracts Act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz - WissZeitVG).

City: Dresden; Starting date (earliest): At the earliest possible; Duration: limited to 2 years (max. until September 30, 2027); Remuneration: subject to personal qualification employees are remunerated according to salary group E 13 TV-L; Closing date: 07/03/25

Working field

The project aims at developing and employing data-driven and density-functional based methods for designing novel (i) two-dimensional and (ii) ionic high-entropy compounds. The successful candidates will leverage dedicated ab initio and machine learning techniques for thermodynamic and electronic analysis. An accurate description of thermodynamic stability is crucial for materials design especially for ionic systems such as oxides. While currently used density-functional approaches have limited predictive power, the candidate will develop a novel universal data-driven method combining the merits of previous correction schemes and machine learning to design ionic high-entropy and novel two-dimensional materials and their electronic and magnetic properties. The work will be carried out in close collaboration with various local and international partners necessitating a strong commitment to scientific communication and networking.

Requirements

university and PhD degree in chemistry, physics or theoretical/computational materials

science and profound knowledge in computational and theoretical physics/chemistry. Capability of excellent communication, team work – also with experimental partners – is essential. Good scripting and programming skills (C++, Python). Skills in machine learning, high-performance computing, solid-state physics/chemistry, materials thermodynamics, 2D compounds, and density-functional theory (VASP, Quantum Espresso) are welcome.

What we offer

A position with a competitive salary in one of Germany's most attractive research environments. TU Dresden provides outstanding working, research, and networking possibilities. The positions will be in the established Dresden-concept Research Group "Autonomous Materials Thermodynamics" of Dr. Rico Friedrich at the Chair of Theoretical Chemistry and Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf. An overview of the research of the group can be found at <https://hzdr.de/automatlab>. It maintains strong ties with the local experimental groups of TU Dresden and the institutes of the DRESDEN-concept network. It also has an active project in the Collaborative Research Center 1415 "Chemistry of Synthetic Two-Dimensional Materials" funded by the German Science Foundation (DFG). The chair hosts its own computer cluster and the group has full access to several of Germany's leading high-performance computing (HPC) systems at ZIH TUD, HLRS Stuttgart, and PC2 Paderborn. Dresden, the capital of the State of Saxony, is a city with a beautiful historical center and offers a high standard of living with high ratings in housing, safety, and healthcare.

Application

TUD strives to employ more women in academia and research. We therefore expressly encourage women to apply. The University is a certified family-friendly university and offers a Dual Career Service. We welcome applications from candidates with disabilities. If multiple candidates prove to be equally qualified, those with disabilities or with equivalent status pursuant to the German Social Code IX (SGB IX) will receive priority for employment.

Please submit your detailed application including a motivation letter, curriculum vitae with publications, copies of academic certificates, and contact details (including email addresses and phone numbers) of two references by March 7, 2025 (stamped arrival date of the university central mail service or the time stamp on the email server of TUD applies), preferably via the TUD SecureMail Portal <https://securemail.tu-dresden.de> by sending it as a single pdf file named "Application_Postdoc_Automat_your_First_and_Last_name.pdf" and the subject line "Application Postdoc Automat Firstname Lastname" to rico.friedrich@tu-dresden.de or to: TU Dresden, Fakultät Chemie und Lebensmittelchemie, Professur für Theoretische Chemie, Herrn Dr. Rico Friedrich, Helmholtzstr. 10, 01069 Dresden, Germany. 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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