A research technician position is available in the Molecular Plant Physiology group of Prof. Doris Rentsch (http://www.ips.unibe.ch/plantphys). Using state-of-the-art molecular, biochemical, genetic and cell biological techniques as well as yeast and *Xenopus* oocyte expression systems, the successful candidate will be involved in research on the characterization of transport processes in both plants and protozoan parasites. In addition to contributing to collaborative projects, you would help with exploring new research ideas and provide specific technical support for laboratory colleagues. The technician is expected to independently design and perform experiments to validate data, keep detailed records, and evaluate and summarize results. Further duties include training of laboratory members in the use of equipment and standard techniques, equipment maintenance, general lab organisation, ordering of consumables, ensuring adherence of safety regulations, and taking care of *Xenopus* frogs. Technical skills for electrophysiological measurements and confocal microscopy are essential. This position offers the exciting opportunity of a significant position in a small, international team. We are looking for a highly motivated and committed individual, and a supportive colleague joining our group.

Applicants should have completed technical training at a professional school. Good knowledge of molecular biology and biochemical techniques is a prerequisite. Experience in aseptic cell culture procedures or generation of transgenic plants is advantageous. Training in specific techniques will be provided. An introductory course in laboratory animal science (LTK Module 20) is compulsory. Good organisational and interpersonal skills, the willingness and enthusiasm for learning new techniques, the ability to work both independently and within a team are essential prerequisites. Communication in both German and English is expected.

Salary will be according to regulations of the Kanton Bern. Initially the position is available for 12 months with the possibility to be converted into a permanent position later. Starting date upon agreement.

Your application may be written in German or English and should be sent as a single pdf-document to plantphys@ips.unibe.ch. The document should include a motivation letter, CV, diploma certificates, and contact information of two potential referees.