The Vienna BioCenter Core Facilities (VBCF) provide cutting-edge research infrastructure and expertise that form the foundation of groundbreaking discoveries at the Vienna BioCenter (VBC), home to multiple research institutes (including AITHYRA, GMI, IMBA, IMP, Max Perutz Labs, University of Vienna), companies, and around 2,000 scientists. Situated at the VBC campus, the VBCF GmbH provides scientific services to research on campus and beyond, supported by the extensive expertise of over 80 trained scientists and technicians. The VBCF is currently seeking a:

Head of Protein Technologies Core Facility (f/m/d, full-time)

The Core Facility offers rigorous scientific services for molecular cloning, protein production, purification and biophysical characterization. A detailed overview of our offered services can be found on our website.

Key responsibilities

- Lead a team of 9 experienced scientific staff delivering protein production and related services.
- Co-develop the facility's strategic direction, operations, and financial planning in alignment with VBCF's mid- to long-term goals.
- Ensure high scientific standards in all services and continuously adapt the portfolio to evolving research needs.
- Maintain technical relevance by implementing innovations in services through the initiation of technology development projects in collaboration with users.
- Identify and establish new, forward-looking areas of scientific services, and strengthen the facility's intellectual and technological position.
- Represent the facility internally and externally (e.g., conferences, strategic discussions).
- Oversee the facility's budget planning, monitoring, and overall financial performance; negotiate contracts.
- Explore and drive the facility's growth in operation and business.
- Mentor team members and support their professional development while maintaining team cohesion.

Key requirements

- PhD in molecular biology, biochemistry, biotechnology, biophysics, or a related life sciences field; or a bioengineering degree with >5 years' experience leading a similar protein production facility.
- Proven management and leadership experience of a team (team size >4) in a scientific, research, or production environment.
- Extensive and current hands-on technical expertise in protein technologies, including and not limited to, molecular cloning, protein production and purification, biophysical characterization, and quality control.
- Strong track record of scientific and intellectual achievement (e.g., publications, technology development, or comparable contributions).
- Demonstrated ability to drive technological innovation and advance methodologies beyond the current state of the art.
- Strategic mindset with the ability to guide and advance facility development.
- Excellent communication skills in English; proficiency in German is an advantage.
- Solid understanding of budgeting and financial management.
- Experience in the pharma or biotech sector is highly desirable.

Your benefits

Ranked among the world's most livable cities, Vienna offers an inspiring environment for scientists, with its world-class research, vibrant international community, rich cultural heritage, and high quality of life. We offer an unlimited contract and an attractive compensation package, including subsidized access to our company crèche and kindergarten, an annual pass for the "Wiener Linien" (Vienna public transport), the VBC social & sports program, annual salary inflation compensation, and flexible working hours. The remuneration will depend on your scientific expertise and professional experience.

How to apply

Please send your CV, contact details of three referees, and a cover letter to apply@vbcf.ac.at and include in the email subject "CF_Head_ProTech_2026". Interviews will be held as soon as possible. For further information about the position, please contact Simone Obermeier (simone.obermeier@vbcf.ac.at). Application deadline: June 15th, 2026.

As an employer, we promote a culture of continuous learning and are committed to gender equality. VBCF processes your personal data in accordance with the statutory data protection regulations.