Postdoctoral position in Bacterial ncRNA Regulation: Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

Job description
A postdoctoral position utilizing high-throughput approaches to study the biology of structured RNA regulation in bacteria, and/or the impact of translation inhibiting antibiotics on structural RNA regulation, is available in the Meyer Lab at Boston College. The Meyer lab utilizes computational and experimental approaches to address a variety of questions surrounding the role of RNA regulation in organismal fitness, the relationship between sequence and RNA function, and how antibiotics influence RNA structure within the cell. For more information about the lab see: www.meyerlabrna.org.

The postdoctoral associate will preferentially perform both computational and experimental work (including mouse experiments) that focus on ncRNA regulation in bacteria, and the associate is expected to also mentor undergraduate students, prepare scientific manuscripts, and apply for outside funding as appropriate. The initial appointment is for one year, which is likely to be extended for up to three years.

Requirements
- Ability to conduct collaborative research.
- Excellent English communication skills both in written and oral form.
- A PhD in molecular or micro- biology, computer science, bioinformatics, biochemistry, biophysics or related discipline. A strong willingness and ability to learn is considered more important than experience in topics specifically studied by the lab.
- A track record of publications in peer-reviewed journals.
- Experience with mouse experiments, RNA in vitro approaches, NGS-techniques, or statistical methods, programming languages (e.g. Python, Perl) and analysis of large-scale sequencing data is a plus.

How to apply
Please send a cover letter, a statement describing your professional interests and ambitions and how this position is appropriate for these goals, a curriculum vitae, and contact information for at least two references to Dr. Meyer m.meyer@bc.edu. Applications will be considered until the position is filled. The position is available starting August of 2020.

The college and department
Boston College is situated on a beautiful campus dating back to the beginning of the twentieth century and is closely located to downtown Boston and Cambridge. The Biology Department and the lab have strong ongoing collaborative efforts with surrounding institutes including Harvard, MIT, and Tufts University. The core faculty in the Biology Department conducts research in areas including HIV, SIV, Toxoplasma, the immune system, and microbial community structures.