

FACT SHEET



ORGANIZATION

Established in 2005

The Max F. Perutz Laboratories (MFPL) are a joint venture of the University of Vienna and the Medical University of Vienna, located at the Vienna BioCenter.

MANAGEMENT

since April 2017

Arndt von Haeseler (Scientific Director)
Fabien Martins (Director Finance & Administration)
Alwin Köhler (Vice Dean, Medical University of Vienna)
Peter Schlögelhofer (Vice Dean for Teaching, University of Vienna)
Kristin Tessmar-Raible (Vice Dean, University of Vienna)

The MFPL
research groups



RESEARCH

Our group leaders focus on basic research in the following areas:

- Biochemistry & Biophysics
- Developmental Biology & Disease Mechanisms
- Genetics, Epigenetics & Gene Regulation
- Immunology & Pathogens
- Molecular Cell Biology & Cell Signaling
- Neuroscience
- Nucleus & Chromosome Biology
- Populations, Adaptations & Evolution
- RNA Biology
- Structural & Computational Biology

EDUCATION & TRAINING

MFPL scientists participate in the undergraduate curricula for Bachelor's and Master's students of the University of Vienna and the Medical University of Vienna. In 2017, they invested around **1,200** hours in the form of practical courses and lectures, to educate and inspire new generations of scientists. Most of the practical courses for the studies of molecular life sciences take place on the premises of the MFPL.

New PhD students are recruited regularly through the MFPL PhD Selection or the VBC PhD Programme selection.



INFRASTRUCTURE

SCIENTIFIC CORE FACILITIES OFFERING CUTTING EDGE SERVICES:

- BioOptics (light microscopy, flow cytometry)
- Fish & Marine Facility (aquatic model systems)
- Histology (tissue preparation and analysis)
- Mass Spectrometry
- NMR Spectroscopy
- Plant facility

- Genomics: Equipment park
- Monoclonal Antibody Facility: Hosted by MFPL

The campus-based Vienna BioCenter Core Facilities (VBCF) offer additional research infrastructure and scientific services to MFPL researchers.

CENTRAL SERVICES:

- Career Development
- Communications
- Floor Technicians
- HR & Finance
- IT
- Secretarial Support



PEOPLE

On average, the MFPL are home to around **400** employees, hosting **60** research groups with **130** PhD students and **90** PostDocs. Our scientists are supported by over **100** members of administrative and technical staff and trained approximately **500** Bachelor's and **500** Master's students in the past year.



LOCATION

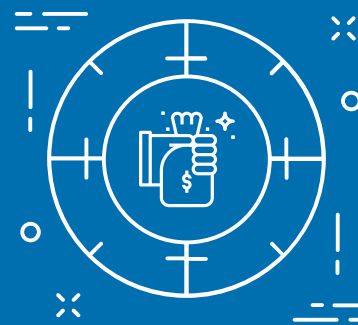
The MFPL are located at the Vienna BioCenter (VBC), a leading life sciences location in Europe. The VBC offers an extraordinary combination of research, education and business on a single campus.

About **1,700** employees, including more than **1,300** scientists from **70** nations create a highly dynamic environment of international standards.

FUNDING

The MFPL are jointly funded by the **UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA** and the **MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA**. The two universities provide the premises, scientific infrastructure and administrative staff. MFPL group leaders are highly successful in recruiting third-party funding (prestigious national and international research grants), as around 70% of scientific personnel and running costs are covered by funds raised by MFPL faculty members. This is further highlighted by the **9 ERC GRANTS** and **6 START AWARDS** won by our faculty since MFPL's foundation in 2005.

The MFPL have so far hosted 7 Doctoral Programs and 4 Special Research Programs, both prestigious programs funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF).



HISTORY

The MFPL were named after the Vienna-born biochemist **MAX FERDINAND PERUTZ**. After graduating in Chemistry from the University of Vienna, he emigrated to Cambridge in England, where he helped to set up the "Laboratory of Molecular Biology". He was awarded the Nobel prize in Chemistry together with John Kendrew in 1962 for their studies of the structures of globular proteins.

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