



**Press release**

**Best job opportunities for first graduates in Lübeck's Molecular Life Science**

North Germany/Lübeck, November 3, 2006. With a ceremonial act, the first graduates of the "Molecular Life Science" Master studies will receive officially their Master of Science on November 4, 2006. The innovative study course from Lübeck displays a success story and was introduced for the first time in 2001. The first graduates can now leave into professional life without having to search for a job; more than 80 percent already had a confirmed commitment before even finishing their studies. Most of them aspire to a promotion – preferably in Germany. Thus, not only the increased attractiveness of the research environment in Germany is stressed but also the quality of the education in Lübeck. Prof. Dr. Rolf Hilgenfeld, Director of the Institute for Biochemistry at the University Lübeck, draws a positive conclusion: "These first graduates of our course "Molecular Life Science" are highly motivated young people. Together with them we have constantly improved the tutorials. Many of the students from this course received very interesting job offers from other renowned universities already after their Bachelor."

Also the Lübeck University principal, Prof. Dr. Peter Dominiak, is convinced of the model's success: "Molecular Life Sciences perfectly fits with the motto of our university "Life in the Focus" because it imparts the knowledge of the molecular basis of life sciences. Thus, it acts as a link between the technical-scientific and the medical faculty and has enormously stabilized the existence of our university."

With biomedical sciences, theoretic medicine and mathematics/informatics the focus lies on studying the molecular cell and structural biology with application in medicine. The Bachelor course teaches basic natural sciences, the Master course tutorial contains immunology, virology, oncology as well as endocrinology, regenerative medicine and infection biology. Due to the close cooperations of the technical-scientific and the medical faculties with the Research Center Borstel (Leibniz Association) the high quality of the interdisciplinary course is guaranteed.

During the studies, a branch of the nationwide organised Biotechnological Students' Initiative has been established from the first members of the course. The btS e.V. is an independent students' association with the aim of presenting insights into the practise beyond lectures and seminars to interested students and to facilitate their transfer into the professional world. For example, events and workshops are organised with the association's contacts to Life Science companies. The professional competence is thus complemented with a view beyond the ordinary.



Graduate and btS-member Jessica Cordes summarizes her experiences: "If you compare notes with other students of similar courses, the Lübeck Molecular Life Science is absolutely competitive. We are, in comparison to other courses, very well educated and the Bachelor/Master system guarantees an integration of practical work into the course scheme. During the semester break many students have taken the time for voluntary internships."

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