



About the MDC

The Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine (MDC) is located to the northeast of the city in Berlin-Buch. The MDC aims to stimulate clinical research in Germany by combining basic research in molecular biology and genetics with clinical research so that the latest biomedical discoveries can be brought to the bedside as quickly as possible.

The new Experimental and Clinical Research Center (ECRC) is a joint project with the Charité and operates facilities for patient-oriented translational research. Here, scientists and MDC researchers collaborate on joint research projects. Furthermore, the MDC offers a special training program for young clinicians who wish to carry out more basic research.

The universities of Berlin and the Charité are the most important strategic collaboration partners of the MDC. Furthermore the MDC works together with the “Leibniz Institute for Molecular Pharmacology (FMP)” on campus, many other academic scientific institutions and a range of companies in Germany and abroad.

Work at the MDC is organized under several interdisciplinary research areas:

- Cardiovascular Research
- Cancer Research
- Neurosciences
- The Berlin Institute for Medical Systems Biology

The MDC currently has about 1.500 employees and guest scientists, among them 1.100 scientists, students and technicians.

The MDC is one of 16 National Research Laboratories that make up the Hermann von Helmholtz Association of German Research Centers (HGF). They obtain 90 per cent of their funding from the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, with the remaining ten per cent from the states (Länder) in which they are situated. The MDC’s annual budget is currently about 85 million Euro, thereof about 25 Mio Euro come from extramural funding.



Biotechnology Park

To support the transfer of know-how from the laboratory bench and the clinic to the production line, the MDC founded a company called BBB Management GmbH Campus Berlin-Buch. Associates are the Berlin-based Bayer Schering AG and the FMP.

The BBB developed and now runs on the one hand the Life Science Learning Lab and on the other hand the Berlin-Buch biotechnology park, a biotechnology and business development center that assists the settlement of new companies and supports founders of a new business with a wide range of services. BBB takes care of the development of the leading biotech cluster within the health region of Berlin.

Currently 47 biomedical companies with 750 employees are already located on the Berlin-Buch Campus. They offer services and expertise to assist research in bioinformatics and genetics.

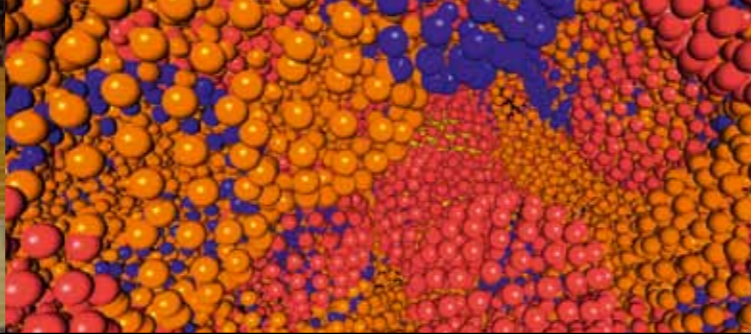
Life Science Learning Laboratory

Progress in molecular medicine will be influenced by the general public’s attitude and its support for modern biomedical research. Patients and the public need to be kept informed of the latest developments. To ensure that this happens, the BBB Management GmbH has established a Life Science Learning Laboratory where pupils, their teachers and other groups are given a hands-on introduction to the basics of genetics, gene technology and ongoing research. The laboratory currently welcomes about 10,000 pupils and others per year.

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Join the Society of Friends and Sponsors of the Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine (MDC) and get a unique chance to participate in an exciting, ongoing revolution: the translation of discoveries from basic molecular research into new methods of diagnosis and treatment for the major diseases that affect mankind.

The Society of Friends of the Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine (MDC) aims to improve and serve MDC research. It has the following goals:

- To support MDC research;
- To support and help expand scientific relationships between the MDC and its partners in Germany and abroad;
- To award research scholarships to young scientists;
- To expand contacts between the MDC and the public, particularly by educating non-specialists about current issues in medical research;
- To help organize scientific meetings;
- To support equal rights for men and women within the research activities of the MDC, by promoting measures that ease the relationship between work and family life;
- To promote art and cultural activities at the MDC;
- To promote sports activities at the MDC.

Membership comes with the following advantages:

- You will be informed about current events and developments on the Berlin-Buch campus;
- You will be invited to campus events including talks, discussion round tables, seminars, the New Year's party, and the Long Night of Science;
- You will receive (at no cost) MDC publications such as the Research Report, campus news, popular books, etc.;
- We will organize an experimental course in our learning lab for you;
- You will stay up-to-date on the newest results of research in the fields of molecular biology and molecular medicine.

By making a donation and becoming a member you can help support the work of the Society of Friends. The membership fee and additional donations are tax-deductible.

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