

Name

ALBERS, Sonja-Verena
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Position Title

Professor for Microbiology
Faculty for Biology, University of Freiburg

EDUCATION/TRAINING

Institution and Location	Degree	Year(s)	Field of Study
University of Würzburg	Diplom	1996	Biologie
University of Groningen	PhD	1997- 2001	Molecular Microbiology
Philips University Marburg	Habilitation	2011	Microbiology

A. Positions and Honours**Employment/Experience**

Since 2014	W3 professor for microbiology at the University of Freiburg
2008 – 2014	Max Planck Research group leader (free floater) at the Max Planck Institute for terrestrial Microbiology, Marburg, Germany
2006 – 2008	VIDI grant holder (NWO), Group leader, University of Groningen, NL
2003 – 2006	VENI grant holder (NWO), PostDoc, University of Groningen, NL
2001 – 2003	PostDoc, University of Groningen, NL, Prof. A.J.M. Driessen

Honors, Awards and Scholarships

2019	Selected EMBO member
2019	Awarded “Momentum” grant and “Life?” consortium by the Volkswagen Foundation
2017	Selected member of the European Academy of Microbiology
2013 – 2018	ERC starting grant
Since 2014	VAAM workgroup leader “Archaea”
Since 2013	Editorial board of FEMS Reviews Microbiology
2012	Forschungspreis VAAM
2013	Chair of the Gordon Research Conference on Archaea: Metabolism, Ecology and Molecular Biology
2008 – 2014	Leadership of a Max Planck Research group (free floater)
2006 – 2011	VIDI grant from NWO (Dutch Science Organisation)
2003 – 2006	VENI grant from NWO (Dutch Science Organisation)

Other Scientific Activities

Since 2019	Chair of the Panel Structural Biology BIO2 of FWO (Belgian Research Foundation)
Since 2019	Prodean of the Faculty of Biology
Since 2019	Member of the Senat of the University of Freiburg
2014 - 2019	VAAM workgroup leader “Archaea”
Since 2013	Editorial board of FEMS Reviews Microbiology