

Unfixed-Term Employment Contract  
Reference IMM/CT/18-2020

We are seeking for one enthusiastic and well-trained Research Assistant who will join the Immune Regulation Laboratory coordinated by Marc Veldhoen studying aspects of the regulation, organisation, and dynamics of immune responses.

**Project:** Leverage research EXCELlence and INNOVation potential of Instituto de Medicina Molecular (IMM) through translational biomedical research in immunity and infection – GA667824 - *European Union's Horizon 2020 ERA Chair Project EXCELLtoINNOV*

**Scientific Area:** Immunity and Infection

**Project Summary:** The project seeks to explore the requirement of a transcription factor and a chromatin remodeler in maintaining populations of T cells in the small intestine. In addition, it will explore how these factors influence their function as well as immune and tissue homeostasis in the gut. The project will make use of novel full and conditional knock out models which require robust analysis by cell biology techniques as well as flow cytometry, microscopy and in vivo methods such as adoptive transfers, colitis models and infections.

**Activities:** The Research Assistant will participate in the majority of ongoing studies in the laboratory. A wide range of molecular and cellular and biology as well as microbiological techniques will be used. Relevant experience is highly advantageous, but training will be provided where required. The position will also involve general laboratory management.

#### Experimental procedures

- Cell biology techniques, such as maintaining cell lines as well as primary cell cultures
- Molecular biology techniques, such as preparation and analysis of DNA and RNA and qPCRs
- Assistance with primary cell isolation and preparation for analysis or culture
- Small scale FACS acquisition and analysis
- Genotyping (PCR)
- Preparation of reagents required by the lab such as buffers and Media

#### Administrative procedures

- Ordering of lab supplies and maintenance of common stocks and related databases.
- Maintaining lab protocols
- Assist with maintenance of mouse strain breeding programs and related databases

#### Essential Skills and Experience

- BSc in biological sciences, molecular biology, genetics, biochemistry or related discipline
- Experience in working in a biological sciences laboratory
- Practical experience with molecular or cellular biology and cell culture techniques
- Experience in good laboratory practice
- Reliable and meticulous with experiments
- Willingness to perform procedures with mice
- Enthusiastic and highly motivated with regard to biological sciences
- Ability to comprehend and communicate in the Portuguese and English language
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Able to communicate effectively with staff at all levels, both orally and in writing
- Good time management and prioritisation skills
- Good troubleshooting and computer skills
- Proactive and uses initiative to move projects forward
- Flexible approach to job role

- Sociable and able to maintain intra- and inter-laboratory collaborations

#### **Desirable Skills and experience**

- Accreditation to work with laboratory animals (rodents)
- Experience with biochemistry and microbiological and histological techniques
- Experience with Fluorescence microscopy
- Practical experience with mouse work
- Willing to train junior research staff

**Predicted Start Date and workplace:** The contract is expected to start in June 2020 and will remain only for the necessary execution period of the work plan.

**Working Conditions:** Gross monthly Remuneration is 1.260€ subject to the mandatory taxes according to the Portuguese Labor. The selected candidate will also receive a meal allowance in the amount of 4,77€/ per working day and other allowances under the contract (Holiday and Christmas allowances) also subject to the legal mandatory taxes.

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**How to apply and Selection Process:** The call is **NOW** open and will end on **25<sup>th</sup> May 2020**. Applications for the above opening should include: - Motivation letter with a short description of previous experience with relevance to the position, including current position and available date to start; - Detailed CV with a list of publications; - BSc certificate; - Letters of 2-3 references (optional).

***The non-compliance with these requirements determines the immediate rejection of the application.***

**Applications should be sent to:** [imm-hr@medicina.ulisboa.pt](mailto:imm-hr@medicina.ulisboa.pt) with the Reference IMM/CT/18-2020 and will be evaluated by Dr. Marc Veldhoen, Dr. Birte Blankenhaus and Marta Baptista (MSc).

**Selection process:** - **Pre-selection:** Will be based on CV, motivation letter and research experience (70%); - **Interviews:** Short-listed candidates will be interviewed (30%); - **Job offer:** Will be sent to the successful candidate after the interview.

**Communication of Results:** The results will be published at <https://imm.medicina.ulisboa.pt/jobs/#results>

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