Call for Applications
Post/s of Full-Time Research Support Officer

EPILEFREE – R&I 2013 Project
(Closed-loop Serotonin Optogenetic Stimulation with EEG recording to Suppress Epileptic Seizures: A Therapeutic Device)

Department of Physiology & Biochemistry
Faculty of Medicine & Surgery

1. Applications are invited for Research Support Officers to work on the “Closed-loop Serotonin Optogenetic Stimulation with EEG recording to Suppress Epileptic Seizures: A Therapeutic Device” (EPILEFREE), a project financed by MCST through the R&I 2013 Programme. Further information about EPILEFREE can be obtained from the Department of Physiology and Biochemistry, On Campus.

2. Applicants applying for the post of Research Support Officer, must be in possession of a Master's Degree in Biomedical Sciences. Preference will be given to candidates possessing or who are currently pursuing a Doctoral degree in Biomedical Sciences. Experience with in vivo and in vitro electrophysiology as well as behavioral tests are desirable.

3. This full-time post is for a period of 8 months as from 1st July 2016, with the possibility of extension. The post carries an annual salary of EUR23,437.

4. Candidates should submit their letter of application, a copy of their curriculum vitae and copies of their certificates. Applications must be sent by e-mail to projects.hrmd@um.edu.mt and should be received by not later than Sunday, 12th June 2016. Late applications will not be considered.

N.B. Kindly indicate the Project/Department/Centre/Institute you are applying for.

5. Further information may be obtained from the Office for the Human Resources Management and Development, Room 215, Administration Building or from the website: http://www.um.edu.mt/hrmd/vacancies.

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Further Information

1. The Research Support Officers will be responsible for the execution of a number of tasks related to EPILEFREE, a project financed by MCST through the R&I 2013 Programme in which the Department of Physiology & Biochemistry is the coordinator. Further information about EPILEFREE may be obtained from Professor Giuseppe Di Giovanni at giuseppe.digiovanni@um.edu.mt

2. The main duties and responsibilities of the appointee will consist of carrying out Research and Project Management Assistant duties including:
   a. develop and implement in vivo electrophysiological protocols and assays to understand neuronal and circuit level function in both normal and diseased brains;
   b. train new personnel on in vivo electrophysiology techniques;
   c. produce deliverables and related reports within the stipulated time frames as specified in the project description;
   d. keep detailed progress reports and abide to all the conditions imposed by the project;
   e. endeavour in generating technical and scientific conference/journal papers;
   f. assist in the dissemination process with the Maltese industrial stakeholders via a workshop/seminar;
   g. take part in the submission of EU-funded research proposals to sustain related research beyond the funding of the project;
   h. perform any other project related task as instructed by the project coordinator and key experts;
   i. participate within a team of scientists to foster a culture of scientific discourse and excellence.

3. The appointee is expected to work at such places and during such hours as may be determined by the University authorities.

4. The selection procedure will involve:
   a. scrutiny of qualifications and experience claimed and supported by testimonials and/or certificates (copies to be included with the application); and
   b. an interview and / or extended interview.

5. The post is for a period of 8 months, which will be subject to a probationary period and to the provisions of the Statutes, Regulations and Bye-Laws of the University of Malta which are now or which may hereafter be in force.

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