

CY-BIOBANK RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN BIOBANKING AND BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH
VACANT POSITION FOR A SPECIAL SCIENTIST for RESEARCH (BIOBANK MANAGER)

Title: Special Scientist (Research Fellow) – (Biobank Manager)
Number of positions: One (1)
Category: Contract for 2 years, with potential for renewal
Place of employment: University of Cyprus, Nicosia

The Molecular Medicine Research Center of the University of Cyprus has one opening for a Special Scientist, funded by the research program: Biobanking and the Cyprus Human Genome Project (CY-Biobank), which is co-funded by the European Commission, the Republic of Cyprus and the University of Cyprus.

Responsibilities

- Manage a major biobanking activity, supervise and train junior technical personnel
- Has a major role in supporting research activities and projects, care about funding opportunities for promoting biobanking per se and related research, prepare and submit research grant proposals or collaborate with other senior personnel in research grant writing
- Coordination of the technical setup of the biobank infrastructure
- Implement and maintain high quality biobanking regarding donor participation, data and sample storage
- Implement ISO certification as applied to laboratory activities and especially to biobanking (ISO 20387), by contributing to the development and maintenance of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), protocols, technical notes, guidelines and flow charts, aimed to the highest data and sample quality
- Train on the use and operation of the Biobank Management Information System (BIMS)
- Organize campaigns around the country for donor enrolment to the Biobank
- Operate multiple equipment for sample receipt, processing, archiving and retrieval
- Responsible, along with the Procurement officer for the procurement of required devices and consumables and interaction with relevant suppliers
- Identify and evaluate suitable IT solutions for biobanking in close cooperation with IT experts and the Director
- In charge of material quality assurance, audits pertaining to sample accessioning and archiving
- Investigates, reports and documents deviations in daily practical operations

Requirements

- MSc or PhD in Molecular Biology/Genetics, Bioinformatics with laboratory experience
- Previous work in a Biobank will be considered an asset and advantage
- Knowledge of quality management e.g. ISO 9001, ISO 27001 will be considered an advantage

Personal requirements

- Service orientation, sociability and teamwork
- High load capacity in stress situations and high operational readiness and reliability
- Independent, structured and careful way of working

We offer an open and friendly working environment, a responsible job in a dedicated team and a challenging area of responsibility. Comprehensive continuing education offers long-term personal development opportunities.

Terms of employment

The position will be for full-time employment with a 2-year contract and potential for renewal. The monthly gross salary will be commensurate to qualifications and previous experience and ranges between €2000 and €3500. There is no provision for 13th salary.

Submission of applications:

1. A letter expressing interest to the position with a brief description of qualifications (1 page)
2. A brief curriculum vitae with description of previous experience (2 pages)
3. Contact details for at least two people qualified to provide recommendation for the candidate

The candidate should demonstrate a very good command of the English language, documented either as a mother tongue or by having a degree from an English-speaking institution, or otherwise. Good command of the Greek language is not a prerequisite but would be considered as an asset.

The application material should be sent electronically as one single pdf file to:

biobank@ucy.ac.cy

at the latest until October 2, 2020.

For more information the candidates may contact the Coordinator of the project, Prof. C. Deltas,
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