

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Full-time Special Scientist Research positions in **Cancer Biology** at the **Tumor Virology Laboratory** at the University of Cyprus

Title: Special Scientist (PhD or MSc holder)

No. of Positions: Two (2)

Category: One (1) year contract with possibility of renewal

Location: University of Cyprus, Nicosia

We are inviting applications for two Special Scientist (PhD or MSc holder) positions to work at the Tumor Virology Laboratory in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Cyprus. The researchers will conduct fundamental research on the putative role of infection in skin homeostasis and non-melanoma skin cancers. The project will combine cutting edge approaches including lineage tracing using *in vivo* and organoid model systems to understand genetic and transcriptional consequences of viral infection in combination with environmental exposures linked to nonmelanoma skin cancers. The project is funded by the Cyprus Research and Innovation Foundation.

Duties and Responsibilities

The successful candidate is expected to perform rigorous, high-quality research and collaborate with other researchers in the research group. In addition to assembling a strong research portfolio they will be expected to participate in written and oral research dissemination and write scientific reports and other related materials.

Required Qualifications

- MSc in a related subject (one position). PhD in a related field (one position)
- Lab experience in model systems of cancer biology (*in vivo* systems and/or primary cell culture)
- Excellent time management, communication, and organizational skills
- Excellent written and spoken English

Strongly preferred

- Experience in organoid systems
- Basic bioinformatics skills
- A strong track-record of prior research productivity

Location

The position is based at the Tumor Virology Laboratory, University of Cyprus, Aglantzia, Cyprus.

Employment Terms

The position is for 12 months with the possibility of renewal for an additional year. The monthly gross salary for full-time employment (i.e. 140 hours per month) ranges from €2800 to €3700 for PhD holders and €1700 to €2200 for MSc holders depending on the candidate's experience, qualifications, and specific duties. Employee contributions to various Government Funds will be deducted from the aforementioned amounts. Please note that a 13th salary bonus is not provided.

How to apply

Applications should contain the following information:

1. Expression of interest, highlighting qualifications relevant to the position (max. 1 page).
2. A curriculum vitae (max. 3 pages).
3. Copies of degrees.
4. Contact details of at least 2 two people qualified to provide references upon request (at least 1 of them in a University/Research Institute).

Application material should be sent as a single PDF file to **strati@ucy.ac.cy** at the latest until **March 1st, 2025**.

At least the best three candidates that satisfy the required qualifications, will be interviewed by a 3-member committee. Candidates shall be informed of the result of their application by the relevant entity.

The University of Cyprus shall collect and process your personal data according to the provisions of the General Regulation on Personal Data 2016/679 (EU).

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Applicants need not be citizens of the Republic of Cyprus. Applicants should however ensure, before applying, that in case they are selected they will be residing in Cyprus on a full-time basis during the employment period. Submission of application implies acceptance of this condition.

The filling of the position is subject to the availability of funding.