



The Vall d'Hebron Institute of Oncology (VHIO) Seeks a “PhD student position at Growth Factors Laboratory”

Reference: 03/2020

Application deadline: 31/03/2020

Number of vacancies: 1

Job description:

VHIO seeks a postdoctoral researcher to join our Growth Factors Research Laboratory led by ICREA Research Professor Joaquin Arribas.

This group focuses on cancer biology research with a truly translational approach.

We have generated a comprehensive platform of patient-derived experimental models from breast and pancreatic cancer. More recently, the group has implemented Humanized PDX models (Hu-PDXs) as a successful tool to characterize anti-tumor immune therapies.

Our research lines center on Translational research against HER2-positive tumors including the characterization of mechanisms of resistance to current therapies, and the development of novel therapies and the preclinical characterization of T cell-based therapies against HER2 positive tumors. The Characterization of the role of cellular senescence in breast cancer progression and treatment, and the Evaluation of novel anti-cancer therapies in our panel of breast and pancreatic cancer patient-derived models.

We are looking for excellent and highly motivated PhD students. Candidates must have an excellent academic record, minimum grade point average 2.5/4, and be eligible for MECD, ISCIII, AGAUR or similar funded fellowships. Applicants with a Masters Degree and previous research experience will be favorably considered.

Selected Publications:

1. Rius Ruiz I, et al. (2018) [Sci Transl Med, 10\(461\). pii: eaat1445.](#)
2. Pedersen, K, et al. (2017) [Oncogene, 36\(40\):5639-5647.](#)
3. Morancho B, et al. (2016) [Oncotarget, 7\(42\) :67956-67965.](#)
4. Zacarias-Fluck, M, et al. (2015) [J Natl Cancer Inst, 107 \(5\): djv020.](#)
5. Parra-Palau, J. Ll, et al. (2014) [J Natl Cancer Inst, 106, dju291.](#)
6. Angelini, PD, et al. (2013) [Cancer Res, 73, 450-458.](#)



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Requirements:

Education and qualifications

- Degree in life sciences
- Masters in life sciences (preferred)

Experience and knowledge

- Previous experience in a research laboratory is preferred
- Animal Experimentation Course a plus
- Good communication skills, fluent English

Additional information:

Main responsibilities and duties

- Planning and execution of the research project assigned under supervision
- Use of molecular biology, cell culture techniques and animal models
- Presentation of research results at internal and external meetings

Application:

Applicants should send a full Curriculum Vitae and a cover letter to jarribas@vhio.net and cbernado@vhio.net.

About VHIO:

Under the leadership of Josep Tabernero, the Vall d'Hebron Institute of Oncology (VHIO), has established itself as a comprehensive cancer center of proven excellence internationally. It is also thanks to VHIO's optimal organizational structure based on a purely multidisciplinary and translational model that VHIO talents continue to anticipate and tackle the many unresolved questions in combatting this multifaceted and heterogeneous disease.

Located within the Vall d'Hebron Barcelona Hospital Campus, our researchers closely collaborate and interact with Vall d'Hebron physician-scientists. Translational science and clinical research are therefore tightly connected which promotes superb interaction and teamwork which, in turn, accelerates the bench-bedside-bed cycle of knowledge. This privileged environment affords VHIO direct access to patients as well as the entire spectrum of oncology professionals who care for them, and a second-to-none appreciation of how cancer science can translate into more powerful, targeted treatments and better practice for the care of patients. VHIO's pioneering model and programs, coupled with its belief in combining strengths through cross-border collaborations, continue to spur advances in reversing cancer resistance, halting metastatic spread, and more effectively treating even the most undruggable tumor types.

VHIO's translation toward precision oncology: <http://www.vhio.net>



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