

## JOB OPENING AT IRB BARCELONA

### INDUSTRIAL POSTDOC (ref. PD/19/05)

Created in 2005 by the Generalitat de Catalunya (Government of Catalonia) and the University of Barcelona, IRB Barcelona is a Severo Ochoa Centre of Excellence—a seal that was awarded in 2011.

The institute is devoted to conducting research of excellence in biomedicine and to transferring results to clinical practice, thus improving people's quality of life, while simultaneously promoting the training of outstanding researchers, technology transfer, and public communication of science. Its 25 laboratories and seven core facilities address basic questions in biology and are orientated to diseases such as cancer, metastasis, Alzheimer's, diabetes, and rare conditions.

IRB Barcelona is an international centre that hosts 450 members and 30 nationalities. It is located in the Barcelona Science Park. IRB Barcelona forms part of the Barcelona Institute of Science and Technology (BIST) and the "Xarxa de Centres de Recerca de Catalunya" (CERCA).

IRB Barcelona seeks an **Industrial Postdoc** to work in the **Stem Cell and Cancer group**, headed by Prof. **Salvador Aznar Benitah**, to support a sponsored drug discovery programme in collaboration with **ONA Therapeutics S.L.**, a recently founded startup located at the Barcelona Science Park (Parc Científic de Barcelona, PCB).

**Ona Therapeutics** is a biotech company, spin-off of ICREA and Institute for Research in Biomedicine (IRB Barcelona), specialized in the discovery and development of therapeutic biologics targeting tumor metastatic-initiating cells and lipid metabolism ([www.ona-therapeutics.com](http://www.ona-therapeutics.com)).

#### DUTIES

- The candidate will be involved in the discovery and preclinical development of a novel anticancer therapy, based on the results generated at Prof. Benitah's lab. The postdoc will be physically located at the lab of Prof. Benitah to carry out specific research and development work to support the drug discovery program in collaboration with ONA Therapeutics.

#### EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & SELECTION CRITERIA

##### Must Have - Required

- PhD degree in life sciences or similar
- FELASA accreditation is essential
- Strong background in mouse cancer models
- Ability to work in an efficient and organized manner
- Good teamwork and interpersonal skills
- Ability to plan and conduct experiments and to record and analyze data
- Independent, motivated and collaborative person
- Candidate must be fluent in English

##### Desirable



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- Proven knowledge of the drug discovery process/biotech industry would be an advantage
- Knowledge of Spanish and/or Catalan would also be an advantage

## WORKING CONDITIONS & ENTITLEMENTS

- **Working conditions:** Employed in compliance with Spanish legislation and regulations under a full-time contract. Employees receive the benefits of the Spanish Social Security system covering sickness, maternity/paternity leaves and injuries at work.
- **Training and Career:** Postdoctoral researchers joining IRB Barcelona gain access to the Institute's advanced research training and career development opportunities, all within in a competitive international environment. Courses and workshops on themes of particular interest to postdocs are offered regularly by the Institute.
- **International environment:** Nearly 90 Postdoctoral researchers (more than a half non-Spanish nationals) are currently working at IRB Barcelona.

## HOW TO APPLY & SELECTION PROCESS

Applications for the above opening should include a motivation letter, full CV including contact details, techniques and list of publications, 2-3 contacts for references and should be sent by e-mail to: [irbjobs@irbbarcelona.org](mailto:irbjobs@irbbarcelona.org) with the Reference: **PD/19/05**

- **Deadline for applications:** 30/06/2019  
If no suitable candidate is found, the deadline will be extended.
- **Number of positions available:** 1
- **Selection process:**
  - **Pre-selection:** Will be based on CV, motivation letter, experience, management of research and innovation.
  - **Interviews:** Short-listed candidates will be interviewed.
  - **Job offer:** Will be sent to the successful candidate after the interview.

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For more information please visit our website at: [www.irbbarcelona.org](http://www.irbbarcelona.org)

*Note: The strengths and weaknesses of the applications will be provided upon request.*

*If you, as an applicant, have any suggestion or wish to make a complaint regarding the selection process, please contact us at the following email address: [irbrecruitment.suggestions@irbbarcelona.org](mailto:irbrecruitment.suggestions@irbbarcelona.org) You will receive a response within a month.*



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