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Post-doc position

is available at the Department of Physiological Sciences,
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Project description – Role of TDP-43 in blood vessel function and vascular homeostasis

Cardio- and neuro-vascular diseases are the leading causes of death in the European Union. The homeostasis of the central nervous system depends on the dynamic interactions between neurons, blood vessels and glia cells, the so-called neurovascular unit (NVU), and the alteration of the integrity of the NVU is associated with neurological pathologies such as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). The aim of the project is to understand, at a molecular level but in the context of a living organism, the functions of the TDP-43, a protein associated to ALS, in the regulation of blood vessel growth and vascular homeostasis.

Conditions – Position filled for 2+2 years

The position is open starting from the 1st of January 2021 and will be filled for 2 + 2 years. We can offer:

- 2 + 2 years contract.
- Dynamic working conditions.

Requirements - Enthusiastic and skillful candidates

We are looking for candidates with a doctor degree in life sciences or medicine with a good academic background and fluency in English. Work in the group encompasses mouse genetics, cell biology, molecular biology, as well as immunological techniques. The successful applicant will work in an interdisciplinary research environment.

To apply, please send your application including curriculum vitae and a statement outlining your research interest to Dr. Eloi Montanez Miralles (emontanez@ub.edu).

Selected publications

Werner AC, Weckbach LT, Salvermoser M, Pitter B, Cao J, Maier D, Forné I, Schnittler HJ, Walzog B, Montanez E (2020) Coronin 1B controls endothelial actin dynamics at cell-cell junctions and is required 1 for endothelial network assembly. **Front Cell Dev Biol.** 31:708. (*Impact factor year of publication: 5.201*)

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