

INTERNAL / EXTERNAL CALL

The Institute

The **Research Institute Foundation of the Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau** (IR Sant Pau) is a scientific foundation whose mission is to improve the health and quality of life of the population through the production and dissemination of scientific knowledge, the training of researchers at an international level, and the promotion of innovation and health by incorporating medical advances into clinical practice and health policies. Created in 1992, it has been a center of excellence affiliated with the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) since 2009 and, since 2011, a CERCA center (Research Centers of Catalonia).

For the Foundation, it's a priority to ensure that the recruitment of the most suitable candidate to cover a job is carried out through an open selection process, transparent and merit-based (OTM-R). Following these guidelines will promote the mobility of staff, the exchange of knowledge and, ultimately, the increase in the quality of teaching and research. Faithful to the commitment to the human resources strategy of the European Union, our institution's personnel selection and recruitment procedures are governed by a set of basic principles that guarantee everyone equal access to a work placement. Therefore, the constitutional principles of equality, merit and capacity are followed, respecting in any case the national and international regulations in force in this area, specifically the European Charter of the Investigator and the Code of Conduct for the recruitment of Researchers (C&C). The principles of C & C are applicable for the recruitment of any staff of the institution, regardless of their professional category. For this reason, our Foundation has obtained the recognition of the "Excellence in R + D in Research" granted to the IIB de Sant Pau, since 2015.



The **Santa Creu i Sant Pau Hospital Research Institute Foundation** needs to incorporate at the **Neuromuscular Diseases Group**:

R2A – Postdoc Junior

About the Unit / Group:

The Neuromuscular Diseases Unit of the Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau in Barcelona is a National Reference Center (CSUR) in Neuromuscular Diseases that carries out both clinical and translational research activities. The Unit is also a reference center within the XUEC network in Catalonia and, at a European level, is part of the European Reference Network for neuromuscular diseases (ERN-EuroNMD). The research carried out at the center includes industry-funded clinical trials and in-house projects funded by public and private entities. The Neuromuscular Diseases Laboratory conducts translational and basic research on various conditions, including motor neuron disease, peripheral neuropathies, myasthenia gravis, and muscle diseases.

In the case of muscle diseases, the group's research focuses on characterizing the process of muscle degeneration to identify therapeutic targets that can be addressed with different drugs. This work is carried out in collaboration with other international centers, such as the John Walton Muscular Dystrophy Research Center at Newcastle University in the UK and the Institute for Bioengineering of Catalonia (IBEC). The researcher joining the Unit will lead research on muscle diseases under the supervision of Dr. Jordi Díaz-Manera and Dr. Eduard Gallardo. We are looking for a dynamic person, with scientific curiosity and availability to work in collaboration with various laboratories at national and international levels. The researcher will also be expected to write research projects in collaboration with other members of the Unit and contribute to the drafting of scientific manuscripts.

Essential requirements

- PhD degree (awarded within the last 5 years).
- Oral and written knowledge of the two official languages of Catalonia, or commitment to acquire it within one year.
- Intermediate level of English.
- Intermediate level in office software (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, etc.).
- Proven research experience in neuromuscular diseases, particularly genetic muscle disorders such as limb-girdle dystrophies or myotonic dystrophy.
- Experience in the isolation and characterization of human muscle cells (e.g., myoblasts or fibro-adipogenic progenitors).
- Experience in 2D and 3D cell culture using muscle cells.
- Laboratory experience with techniques such as staining, western blot, Real-Time PCR, etc.
- Experience in scientific writing and presenting at national and international conferences.

Skills will be valued

- Basic knowledge of molecular biology.
- Experience in animal research, particularly mice
- Experience in flow cytometry and cell sorting for cell culture.
- Previous experience in writing research projects
- Experience in isolating and characterizing macrophages and monocytes from peripheral blood.
- Basic bioinformatics skills for proteomics and transcriptomics data analysis.

Functions

- Isolation and characterization of muscle cells from human biopsies.
- 2D and 3D cell culture using muscle cells and macrophages/monocytes from peripheral blood.
- Isolation of nuclei and cells from muscle biopsies for transcriptomics projects (snRNAseq/scRNAseq).
- Secretome studies of cultured muscle cells using proteomics techniques
- Writing scientific manuscripts and research projects for funding opportunities.
- Presentation of scientific results at national and international conferences.
- Supervision of PhD, master's, and undergraduate students in the neuromuscular diseases laboratory.

Offered

- Permanent contract linked to the project "Characterization of fibro-adipogenic progenitors of skeletal muscle in participants with neuromuscular diseases."
- Annual working hours of 1,627.50 (37.5 h/week).
- Salary according to agreement (€33,161.33).
- Research Group: Neuromuscular Diseases.

Documentation and deadline for submission

Interested parties should preferably deliver the documentation (1) in PDF, by e-mail to the Management of the Santa Creu i Sant Pau Hospital Research Institute Foundation, address ir_seleccio@santpau.cat , indicating the reference **2025/139**:

(1) Application letter and updated Curriculum Vitae and signed Data Processing Authorization**

At the request of the Santa Creu i Sant Pau Hospital Research Institute Foundation, the candidates must present the documentation accrediting the merits mentioned in the curriculum vitae.

Applications will be resolved within a maximum period of one month from the end of the deadline for submission of documentation. At the end of this period, without having been notified of an express resolution, the interested parties will be entitled to understand that their applications have been rejected.

Santa Creu i Sant Pau Hospital Research Institute Foundation may declare this call for applications closed if, according to its criteria, the candidates does not meet the conditions that the Institution considers necessary to fill the position.

The interpretation of the requirements and their enforceability to the candidates will be exclusive to the Santa Creu i Sant Pau Hospital Research Institute Foundation.

****It is essential to attach the duly signed data processing authorization (document attached at the end of the call)****

**The deadline for submitting applications
will end on September 23th 2025, at 3:00 p.m.**

Fundació Institut de Recerca de l'Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau, sited at C. Sant Quintí, 77-79, 08041, Barcelona, Tel: 93 291 90 50, NIF: G-60136934, as Data Controller and in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) and the Organic Law 3/2018 of 5th of December, on the protection of personal data and the guarantee of digital rights, will treat your data with the sole purpose of developing this call. The legal basis for this treatment is the article 6.1 a, c and f from the GDPR, giving that we will ask for your consent, the treatment is necessary for the application of precontractual measures and its necessary to satisfy the legitimate interests pursued by the Data Controller.

The data will be kept during the necessary time to develop the call. Data will be treated solely by that areas and services that are allowed to in accordance with their assigned competences and functions. There will be no data cessions made unless there is a legal obligation to do so. You are entitled to exercise the rights of access, rectification, deletion, opposition, limitation and portability. In case you have any doubts, you can contact the data protection delegate at dpo_ir@santpau.cat. You also have the right to file a complaint to the relevant control authority.

PERMANENCE COMMITMENT: *Selected persons who will hold the summoned or vacant position, will not be able to apply for a new call until 1-year period has expired. In case of part-time job positions, this period will be of 6 months. In both cases, the period will compute from the date of publication of the resolution. The vacant summoned, and the ones that derive from it (intern movements), will be successively covered on the same proceeding among the submitted candidates to each particular call, regardless of whether this entails coverage of places in turns other than the call.*

Barcelona, 09/09/2025

Human Resources Department

Santa Creu i Sant Pau Hospital Research Institute Foundation



AUTHORISATION FOR PROCESSING PERSONAL DATA

Dear candidate:

The Fundació Institut de Recerca del Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau, with CIF G-60136934 and registered office at C/ Sant Quintí, 77-79, (08024) Barcelona, as data controller, informs you that it will process your data for the following purposes:

- Receipt of applications.
- Analysis of applications in order to incorporate the worker into the team of the Fundació Institut de Recerca del Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau, for a current vacancy and for future selection processes that fit your profile.
- To carry out personnel selection processes, as well as to formalise the hiring of the employee, if applicable.
- Comply with the required legal obligations.

The legitimate basis for processing the data is based on the legitimate interest of processing this job offer, in accordance with the provisions of Article 6.1 b) of the General Data Protection Regulation, as your data are necessary for the performance of a contract, which the data subject is a party or for the implementation of pre-contractual measures at his or her request.

However, we inform you that your data (i) will only be processed by those departments or areas of the Institute which, according to their competencies and functions, have an interest in the selection of personnel, (ii) may be communicated to public authorities and organisations, in order to comply with a legal obligation, such as service providers and third parties necessary for the management and execution of the relations derived from the request made and (iii) that they will be kept for the periods foreseen for the prescription of legal responsibilities.

Finally, we inform you that you have the right to access your personal data, to rectify them, to request their deletion, to oppose their processing and to revoke your consent to this processing. In certain circumstances, you may request that we restrict the processing of your personal data, in which case we will only retain your personal data for the exercise or defence of claims. In addition, you have the right to make a complaint to the relevant data protection authority. If you have any questions about the processing of your data you can contact the Entity's Data Protection Officer by sending an email to dpo@santpau.cat.

Consent

I have been informed about the processing of my data and I consent to the processing:

☐ YES

☐ NO

Name & Surname:

Signature