

## Predoctoral candidates to apply for FPU PhD grant Neurodegenerative Diseases Group

Vall d'Hebron Research Institute (VHIR) is a public sector institution, located in Barcelona (Spain) that promotes and develops innovative biomedical research at the University Hospital Vall d'Hebron. VHIR is oriented towards finding solutions to the health problems of the citizens and has the will to contribute to the scientific, educational, social and economic development within its area of competence.

The research conducted in the Neurodegenerative Diseases Group at the VHIR is geared toward elucidating the mechanisms of neuron cell death occurring in Parkinson's disease, in order to develop new therapeutic strategies aimed at blocking neuronal dysfunction/degeneration and establishing pre-symptomatic biomarkers of the disease. For more information check the website of the group ([www.vilalab.org](http://www.vilalab.org)).

The Neurodegenerative Diseases Group is currently seeking a **pre-doctoral candidate to apply for “Ayudas para la Formación de Pofesorado Universitario (FPU)”** from the **Ministerio de Educación, Cultura y Deporte (MECD).(FPU-2015)**, to join a new line of research focused on studying the role of the adaptive immune system in the neurodegenerative process that occurs in Parkinson's disease. More details about the call at: <http://www.mecd.gob.es/servicios-al-ciudadano-mecd/catalogo/general/educacion/998758/ficha/998758-2015.html>

### JOB DESCRIPTION

#### Title of the position:

Predoctoral Research Scientist

### **General Requirements:**

- Candidates must hold a degree in Biology, Biomedicine, Biochemistry, Pharmacy or similar obtained not before 2012 with a **weighted average grade greater than or equal to 8.5**.
- Candidates must be currently enrolled in a Master's Degree Program that will grant their access to a PhD Program in 2016/2017, or already enrolled in a Spanish University's PhD Program.

### **Required skills:**

- Good communication skills and fluency in spoken and written English.
- Strong sense of responsibility, initiative, self-motivation and social skills as key personal abilities.

### **Labour conditions:**

- Full time position (40h / week)
- Contract length: 4 years
- Gross annual salary:
  - 16.422 €/ year
  - Expenses corresponding to the thesis supervision for the 2015-2016 academic course.
  - 3,000.00€ with additional funding for training activities.

Each grant includes the possibility to apply for an extra mobility income to stay in another R&D center, including travel, accommodation and living expenses, as well as medical and accident insurance complementary expenses.

Interested applicants should send their CV and full academic record (including the weighted average grade) to: [jordi.bove@vhir.org](mailto:jordi.bove@vhir.org) and [seleccio@vhir.org](mailto:seleccio@vhir.org) before 21/12/2015.