Full Time Post-doctoral Position to the European Research Area (ERA) -Translational Stem Cell Biology (TRANSTEM)

INSTITUTION	MU of Varna
GRADE	Recognized Researcher (R2)
APPLICATION DEADLINE	01/03/2021
LOCATION	Bulgaria › Varna
TYPE OF CONTRACT	Temporary
JOB STATUS	Full time
HOURS PER WEEK	40
OFFER STARTING DATE	01/04/2021
EU RESEARCH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME	H2020

## **OFFER DESCRIPTION**

The Medical University – Varna, Bulgaria, is looking for a full time Post-doctoral fellow to join the research team of the ERA Chair of Translational Stem Cell Biology, at the newly established Research Institute of MU-Varna (RIMUV). ERA Chair leads a newly established and outstanding team of researchers, to improve the excellence of the research and innovation landscape in Bulgaria, working on basic and clinical research involving the use of adult stem cells.

The appointee will have responsibility for conducting research studies, in a stimulating and international environment.

Description of the project can be found here: <u>http://transtem.org/en/home/objective/</u>.

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Working in close collaboration with the ERA Chair, he/she will participate in, and develop on a day-to-day basis, a research project based on the role, function and cultivation of human limbal stem cells (LSC). Moreover, the project will focus on: 1) cell and tissue therapies for acquired of LSC deficiency (LCSD); 2) LSC cultivated for transplantation as a surgical treatment; 3) Cell differentiation in vitro in order to produce corneal cells from different populations. The candidate Post-doctoral fellow will have the following responsibilities:

- To develop in vitro and ex vivo models of LSC and LSCD.
- To evaluate LSC in human tissues from biopsies.
- To analyze transcriptomic and proteomic datasets generated in-house.

## **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS**

- Holding a PhD in molecular biology/cellular biology/ophthalmology, or related disciplines, is essential.
- Professional experience in ophthalmology/vision research laboratories.
- Previous pertinent publication track is desirable.
- Fluent command of English.

## PROFILE

- PhD degree
- Excellent organizational and communication skills
- High dexterity for laboratory work

- Previous experience with stem cell research essential
- Professional and meticulous
- Ability to work in an international environment

Applications, including a CV and covering letter, should be sent to the Head of Administration and to the ERA Chair at the following e-mail addresses: <u>rimuv@mu-varna.bg</u>, <u>manlio.vinciguerra@mu-varna.bg</u>; by March 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 at the latest.

Salary ~3000 euros gross per month.

The appointment is planned to commence on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.