



### One (1) PhD student position

[Ref # ELD-0618]

The research group of Neurogenetics and Aging of IMBB under the project “**GliaAge - Deciphering the role of glial autophagy in neurophysiology and ageing using in vivo chemo-optogenetics**”, (P. I: Prof. N.Tavernarakis), funded by the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (HFRI): invites applications for one (1) PhD student position.

**Description:** Behavioral and mechanistic studies during neurodegeneration and ageing in the nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans*.

**Qualifications:** The successful applicant should hold a BSc in Biology/Biomedicine or related fields and meet the requirements to enroll in a PhD program, and prior documented experience in molecular/cellular biology methods, autophagy, glia/neurobiology and collective expertise in nematode genetics. The successful applicant should also have excellent scientific authoring skills and scientific publication(s) in peer reviewed journals in related fields and fluency in English.

Candidates for the post will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

|              | Evaluation criteria  | Maximum points |
|--------------|--|----------------|
| 1.           | BSc degree in Biological Sciences or related fields (Grade x 1 points).  | 25             |
| 2.           | Enrollment in Post-Graduate Program leading to a PhD degree or the candidate should meet the requirements to enroll in a PhD program                         | YES/NO         |
| 3.           | Laboratory experience in molecular/cellular biology techniques and imaging techniques (<3 months = 4 points, 4-12 months = 8 points, >13 months = 10 points) | 10             |
| 4.           | Laboratory experience in autophagy, glia, neurobiology and <i>C. elegans</i>   | 15             |
| 5.           | Scientific publications (1 publication = 5 points, >2 publications = 10 points)  | 10             |
| 6.           | Oral and written skills in English (B1: 7 points, B2: 8 points, C1: 9 points, C2: 10 points)   | 10             |
| 7.           | Interview* (by videoconference, for 2-3 shortlisted candidates)  | 30             |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |  | <b>100</b>     |

\*The shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview. The evaluation criteria for the interview are:

1. Perception - Judgement,
2. Presentation skills,
3. Communications skills

#### The application should consist of:

1. Application Form (see below)
2. Brief statement of purpose
3. Detailed curriculum vitae (CV)
4. Brief statement of purpose
5. The names and contact details of two referees
6. Scanned copies of academic titles
7. Scanned copies proving all the qualifications
8. Although the recipients must be enrolled in a cycle of studies leading to the attribution of an academic degree, at the time of application it is not necessary for the candidate to have made such an enrollment.

and proof of enrollment must be presented until the fellowship is contractualized. Candidates are only required to meet the requirements to enroll in the training offer. If there are candidates already enrolled (including attending a course), they compete on an equal footing with those who are not enrolled.

**Contract Duration:** 12 months, renewable based on the program's needs.

**Total budget:** The salary is at the PhD student level, and adjusted in accordance with the provisions of the Greek legislation.

**Estimated starting date:** July 1, 2024

**Application submission:** Interested candidates should submit their application electronically by **May 19, 2024**.

**Submission of applications:** [eld0618@imbb.forth.gr](mailto:eld0618@imbb.forth.gr)

### **Evaluation procedure**

Applications will be evaluated by a three-member evaluation committee. In case of interview procedure, candidates will be invited to participate in person or teleconference.

Proposals submitted after the above date and time will be rejected as late and will not be evaluated. Incomplete applications and applications without reference to the job offer code will not be taken into consideration. Qualifications mentioned either in the application or in the CV, but not supported by the submission of the relevant supporting documents, will not be taken into account in the final ranking of candidates.

The candidates with academic titles awarded by foreign Higher Education Institutions, must have certificates of recognition from DOATAP – Hellenic National Academic Recognition and Information Center (Hellenic NARIC). DOATAP is the official body of the Hellenic Republic for the academic recognition of titles and qualifications awarded by foreign Higher Education Institutions, as well as for the provision of accurate information on the Higher Education Institutions and qualifications in Greece and abroad.

The announcement of the results will be posted on the website of FORTH-IMBB.

This publication confers the right to object to the results within 5 working days of the date of the results announcement.

The selected candidates will be notified personally regarding the success of his/her application and will be requested to submit certified copies of his/her degrees. In the event that the documents submitted do not agree with the original application the candidate will be dismissed.

The implementation of the project will be carried out in accordance with Call for Proposals of the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (HFRI) and “**GliaAge**” project (code 16399).

### **GDPR Disclaimer**

FORTH is compliant with all legal procedures for the processing of personal data as defined by the Regulation EU/2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data. FORTH processes the personal data and relevant supporting documents that applicants have submitted. Processing of that data is carried out exclusively for the needs and purposes of this specific call. Such data shall not be transmitted to or communicated to any third party unless required by law.

FORTH retains the above data up to the announcement of the final results of the call, unless further process and reservation is required by law or for purposes of exercise, enforcement, prosecution of certain one's legitimate legal rights' as defined in the Regulation EU/2016/679 and/or in national law. Under the Regulation EU/2016/679, applicants have the rights to be informed about their personal data, access to, rectification and erasure, restrictions of process and objection to as provided by applicable regulation and national laws. Applicants have the right to file a complaint to the national Data Protection Authority. For any further

information regarding exercise of personal data protection rights, applicants may contact the Data Protection Officer at FORTH at [dpo@admin.forth.gr](mailto:dpo@admin.forth.gr).

Applicants have the right to withdraw their application and consent for the processing of personal data at any time. In this case, FORTH shall destroy such documents and/or supporting documents submitted and shall delete the related personal data.

**APPLICATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth (dd/mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

TO  
**FOUNDATION OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY (FORTH)**  
**INSTITUTE OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY**

Hereby I submit my application for the position:

In the framework of the project: \_\_\_\_\_

Position code [Ref #] \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted with this application:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that:

- A) I accept the terms and conditions of the job announcement
- B) I possess all the necessary certificates and documents and I can present them in their original form to the committee without any delay if I am asked to do so
- C) I am able to complete the project within the foreseen time -frame
- D) all the information given in the framework of this application are accurate and true.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant name

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)