



One (1) PhD Student Position [PAR-0535]

The research group of Poirazi Lab of IMBB under the IDEAS grant, funded by NHMRC, Australia entitled “The role of memory engrams in the cortex” invites applications for one PhD Candidate or Postdoctoral fellow who will help to determine the importance of cortical engram cells in memory formation and storage and probe the role of cortical memory engrams in the generation and retrieval of a sensory-based memory. This project is a collaboration between the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health in Melbourne, Australia (Prof. L. Palmer), and the University of Dublin, Ireland (Prof. T. Ryan).

About the lab

The Poirazi Lab investigates how dendrites and their integrative properties contribute to learning and memory-related functions, using computational and experimental techniques. Our models explain findings and predict new roles for dendrites in functions such as spatial navigation/learning, working memory, associative memory, visual processing, etc. We also perform behavioral experiments in mice and use 2-photon imaging of prefrontal cortical neurons to investigate the cellular correlates of flexible behavior. The laboratory offers a thriving and lively research environment and is well-funded by several competitive grants.

About the project:

The successful applicant will work on a multidisciplinary collaborative project aiming to determine the importance of cortical engram cells in memory formation and storage and probe the role of cortical memory engrams in the generation and retrieval of a sensory-based memory. The successful applicant will work on 1) behavioral and 2-photon imaging experiments in behaving mice and 2) help extend a computational circuit model (Kastellakis et al., *Cell Reports*, 2016) to dissect the role of subcellular mechanisms in cortical engram formation. The model will simulate the recorded cortical engrams in specific areas (auditory/ prefrontal cortex).

Position Description:

The ideal candidate should have a Bachelor/MSc degree in biology or neuroscience, have a proven publication record in neuroscience and be a highly motivated and creative individual who wants to work in a dynamic, multidisciplinary research environment. The ideal candidate should be willing to interact with both experimental and theoretical neuroscientists.

Required qualifications:

- BSc in Biology or Neuroscience
- MSc in Neuroscience or Computational Neuroscience
- Prior experience with behavioral experiments with mice and neuronal modelling
- Enrollment in a postgraduate program leading to a doctoral degree
- Excellent oral and written skills in English language

Desired qualifications:

- Publications or conference presentations

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	Evaluation criteria	Maximum score
1.	MSc degree in neuroscience or comp. neuroscience (Score points = grade x 2)	20
2.	Bachelor degree in neuroscience or a related field (Score points = grade x 2)	20
3.	Prior experience with behavioral experiments with mice and modelling (6-12 months = 10 points, 12-24 months = 20 points, 24-36 months = 30 points, >36 months = 40 points)	40
4.	Publications (>1= 10 points)	10
5.	Oral and written skills in the English language (B2 = 5 points, C1 = 7 points, C2 = 10 points)	10
Total score		100

Contract Duration: 1 year with the possibility of extension according to the project needs

Total budget: 14,400 € (gross) (incl. tax and social security) depending upon qualifications.

Envisaged starting date: 01/12/2023

Application submission: Interested applicants should submit their application electronically **by 21st October 2023 @ 13:00 (Greece time)**

The application should consist of:

1. Application Form (see below)
2. CV
3. Brief statement of purpose
4. The names and contact details of two referees
5. Scanned copies of academic titles
6. Scanned copies proving all the qualifications

Submission of applications: par0535@imbb.forth.gr

Evaluation procedure

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

In case of titles and qualifications awarded by foreign Higher Education Institutions, the provisions of the Law 55/2023 (article 36) and 4957/2022 (article 304) are implemented.

The results of the selection will be announced on the website of IMBB-FORTH. Applicants have the right to appeal the selection decision, by addressing their written objection to the IMBB secretariat within five days since the results announcement on the web. Objections are submitted in one of the following ways: in person, by an authorized person, by post, by courier. They also have the right to access (a) the files of the applicants as well as (b) the table of applicants' scores (ranking of applicants results). All the above information related to the selection procedure will be available at the secretariat of IMBB-FORTH in line with the Hellenic Data Protection Authority. Access to personal data of co- applicants shall be limited to personal data (and relevant data) and supporting documents which have been the basis of the evaluation of the applicants for the specific post(s). Prior to the announcement of the personal data and/or documents of the co- applicants to the applicant, FORTH will inform the data subjects in an appropriate way.

The selected applicants will be notified personally regarding the success of his/her application and will be requested to submit certified copies of his/her degrees. If the submitted documents do not agree with the original application, the applicant will be dismissed.

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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.

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)