POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER
to work in the design of antimicrobial biocermics

OFFER DESCRIPTION

We are looking for a Postdoctoral researcher in the field of antimicrobial surfaces with clinical applications. Specifically, the candidate will focus on the development of advanced methods to obtain calcium phosphate based materials with unique nanostructured topographies, and the physicochemical characterization and validation of the developed surfaces.

The ultimate goal is to design bio-inspired antimicrobial bone biocermics and advance in the fundamental understanding of the contact-based bactericidal mechanisms, as a strategy to overcome the problems associated to antibiotic resistance, one of the most serious health threats in the recent years.

The position is part of the ERC Advanced Grant BAMBI, led by Prof. Maria-Pau Ginebra. If selected, the candidate will have the opportunity to work in a highly interdisciplinary team, the Group of Biomaterials, Biomechanics and Tissue Engineering (BBT), in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (https://biomaterials.upc.edu/en). The BBT group has a broad expertise on the design, synthesis and characterization of biomaterials for tissue regeneration, with special emphasis in bone applications.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

About the BBT Group

The BBT group is a multidisciplinary team of researchers with different backgrounds, including chemistry, physics, biology, materials science, biomedical engineering. Our main scientific goal is the development of biomaterials for tissue and organs regeneration/functional repair. This approach requires the design of materials which can modulate the response of the receiving tissue, leading in some cases to the regeneration and neoformation of the degraded tissues and, in others, to a perfect integration of the biomaterial and to the recovery of the lost functionality.
About UPC

The Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya - BarcelonaTech (UPC) is a public institution of research and higher education in the fields of engineering, architecture, sciences and technology, and one of the leading technical universities in Europe. Every year, more than 6,000 bachelor’s and master’s students, more than 500 doctoral students graduate and 3,067 graduates in lifelong learning. The UPC’s approach to research is highly varied and covers applications and basic research in many knowledge areas. The impact of this research makes the UPC one of the main European technology universities.

REQUIREMENTS

Skills/Qualifications

We will consider candidates with various research backgrounds including chemistry, chemical engineering, materials science, nanotechnology. Applicants are required to have a PhD and have relevant experience in the fields of biomaterials or biomineralisation, with a track record of significant contributions in these fields. Willingness and motivation to expand his/her expertise by reaching out to other disciplines is required. The candidate is expected to be proficient in English.

Specific Requirements

Expertise in the following areas is beneficial: biomaterials for bone regeneration, characterization of inorganic materials, characterization of nanostructured materials.

SELECTION PROCESS

How to apply and deadline

Target start date: as soon as possible, as from 1st December 2022.

The initial contract will be for one year, renewable to up to four years.

The salary is competitive, in line with the Spanish national post-doctoral senior grants. Those interested may email a CV with a list of three references, a short (max one page) statement describing your motivation and prior experience to Dr. Maria-Pau Ginebra (bbt.jobs.upc@gmail.com), with “Postdoc BAMBBI 1” in the email subject.