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**CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN BIOBANKING AND BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH**  
**VACANT POSITION FOR A SPECIAL SCIENTIST – RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN THE FIELD OF NUTRITION**

Title: Special Scientist - *Research Assistant in the field of Nutrition*  
Number of positions: One (1)  
Category: Contract for 2 years, with potential for renewal  
Place of employment: University of Cyprus, Nicosia

The biobank.cy Center of Excellence in Biobanking and Biomedical Research of the University of Cyprus has one opening for a Special Scientist, funded by the research program: Biobanking and the Cyprus Human Genome Project (CY-Biobank), which is co-funded by the European Commission, the Republic of Cyprus and the University of Cyprus. Depending on needs and objectives, the funding of the position may be also from other sources.

#### **biobank.cy Center of Excellence**

Established in 2019, the biobank.cy is developing the first Biobank in Cyprus while it aspires to fostering front-line research on human genetic diseases and offer better prospects for diagnosis, prevention and therapy, in the framework of precision medicine.

#### **Required Qualifications:**

The candidate must possess:

1. PhD or MSc/MRes degree in Nutrition or a topic related to Nutrition.
2. Proficiency in using statistical packages (i.e. STATA, SPSS, R), data management and statistical analysis.
3. Academic and/or professional experience in trial co-ordination.
4. Ability to write scientific reports and manuscripts in English.

#### **Candidate Profile:**

The candidate is expected to work in a multidisciplinary project funded by the EU and other sources, and is required to show effective communication and collaboration skills, be able to take initiatives and have strong organizational skills. A PhD in an area related to nutrition, public health nutrition will be preferred whilst previous experience of similar research programs will be advantageous.

#### **Responsibilities:**

1. Contribute to the development of trials in reducing body weight, study set-up and preparation, involvement in the bioethics approval process (obtaining the necessary regulatory approvals) and protocol design.
2. Lead the participant screening and enrollment phase.
3. Co-ordinate volunteer correspondence and conduct study visits and follow-up monitoring of enrolled volunteers.
4. Contribute to timely data collection, ensuring measurement of outcomes according to SOPs, data cleaning and analysis, and manuscript writing.
5. Maintaining study documentation.
6. Contribute to the communication and dissemination of the Project's activities and results.
7. Develop ideas for future research studies and publications.

### Terms of employment

The position is for a two-year full-time contract with the possibility of renewal depending on funding. Funding may be from the CY-Biobank project or from projects funded from other sources, depending on actual needs. The monthly gross earnings will range depending on qualifications from €2000-€2500. Employee contributions will be deducted from this amount. The program does not provide for the payment of 13th salary.

### Submission of applications:

- A letter expressing interest for the position with a brief description of qualifications relevant to the opening (1 page).
- A brief Curriculum Vitae with description of previous experience (3 pages).
- Copies of degrees.
- Contact details of at least two people qualified to provide references upon request.
- Certificates attesting to the good knowledge of the greek and english language, unless this is attested by the mother tongue of the candidate or he/she is a graduate of a greek/english school/University.

At least the best three candidates that satisfy the required qualifications, will be interviewed by a 3-member Committee. Candidates shall be informed of the result of their application by the relevant entity. The University of Cyprus shall collect and process your personal data according to the provisions of the General Regulation on Personal Data 2016/679 (EU).

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Applicants need not be citizens of the Republic of Cyprus. Applicants should however ensure, before applying, that in case they are selected they will be residing in Cyprus on a full-time basis during the employment period. Submission of application implies acceptance of this condition.

**The application material should be sent electronically as one single pdf file to [biobank@ucy.ac.cy](mailto:biobank@ucy.ac.cy), at the latest until February 28<sup>th</sup> 2024.**

For more information the candidates may contact the Director of the biobank.cy, Prof. C. Deltas, Tel.: 22-892882 or Email: [Deltas@ucy.ac.cy](mailto:Deltas@ucy.ac.cy)