FULL-TIME ACADEMIC POSITION IN IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY

FACULTIES OF SCIENCES AND MEDICINE

Reference: 2020/A070
Application deadline: March 31, 2020
Start date: 01/10/2020

Context

The ULB Cancer Research Center (U-CRC) and ULB Center for Research in Immunology (U-CRI) gather more than 250 scientists and clinicians. There is a strong will to further develop the field of immuno-oncology. This will be achieved in close collaboration with the groups that work in fundamental immunology (located within the Brussels South Charleroi Biopark, a highly dynamic environment dedicated to life sciences; https://biopark.be/en) and those active in translational and clinical oncology at the « pôle santé » including the academic hospital Erasme and the Institut Jules Bordet (https://www.bordet.be/en/research). The appointee is expected to develop activities in both campuses.

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Job description

The appointee will run a group dedicated to Immuno-Oncology. Her/His main task will be to develop a high-quality research program in close collaboration with fundamental immunologists, researchers active in translational oncology and clinical oncologists.

Duties and responsibilities

- Expected to develop an innovative program of research in immunology/immunotherapy with particular reference to solid tumors. It is expected that a component of the appointee’s research program will have relevance to clinical application in the medium-term.
- Expected to interact with clinicians with the aim to develop new clinical trials.
- Expected to secure external grant funding and to supervise postgraduate students (both laboratory based scientists and research active clinicians). The appointee is expected to apply to the most competitive external grants funding bodies to support her/his research program (ERC, Welbio, FNRS, Europe, Regional funds, etc...).
- Partake in the teaching of medical and science students (this is divided between the different senior appointments from both faculties). The appointee shall show strong motivation and abilities with respect to teaching and mentoring. He/she should progressively increase his/her teaching activities to
reach a level comparable to that of colleagues (about 80-120 hours/year). Mentoring of undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral researchers is also expected. For candidates not fluent in French, a temporary period of teaching in English may be granted for 3 years, which after he/she is expected to be able to teach in French.

- Contribute to the administrative and academic life of the host institution.

Area of Research: Immunology, Oncology.

Educational and scientific goals: To develop an internationally-competitive research program and to partake actively in teaching medical and science students, at both the bachelor and master level.

Courses covered at the time of recruitment: None at the time of recruitment

Qualifications required:
PhD Degree (with doctoral thesis) in biological or biomedical sciences, medicine or pharmaceutical sciences

Skills required
- Applicants should have at least 4 years of research experience at the time of their recruitment.
- Post-doctoral experience and an excellent scientific record are a plus.
- Exchange periods outside of the applicants’ home institution (during or after their PhD) will be taken into consideration when evaluating applications.
- Applicants who do not speak French (level C1) may be granted a period of adaptation, but they must be able to teach in French at the end of the third year following their appointment.
- The candidate has a recognized expertise in immuno-oncology
- The candidate will have proven ability to carry out high quality original research in relation to career stage

Interested?

For more information, please contact Mr Stanislas GORIELY (E-mail: stanislas.goriely@ulb.be).

Applications must be send by e-mail to the rectorate of the Université Libre de Bruxelles (recteur@ulb.ac.be), to the Faculty of Medicine deanship (doyen.medecine@ulb.be) and the Faculty of Sciences deanship (doyen.sciences@ulb.ac.be).

They must include the following:
- an application letter
- a Curriculum vitae including a list of publications: you can complete a standard form via our website at https://www.ulb.be/fr/documents-officiels/completer-votre-cv-en-ligne. Once completed, it must be downloaded and attached to the application file.
- any relevant documents showing 4 years of research experience
- a 7,000-character report (4 pages) presenting the applicant’s research activities and a research project, including how these will integrate into ULB’s research teams
- a teaching dossier including a 7,000-character report (4 pages) on the applicant's previous teaching activities and a teaching project for the first five years in this position; these must be relevant to the faculty and to the teaching profiles for the programmes to which the applicant is to contribute
- a note on the applicant’s international achievements and projects (no more than 4 pages)
• the names and e-mail addresses of five referees (respecting the gender balance) who may be contacted by those in charge of evaluating applications. These referees should not have conflicts of interest because of family or emotional ties.

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By sending in their application, applicants acknowledge they have read and understood the additional information and the regulations relevant to academic staff, available at the following address http://www.ulb.ac.be/emploi/academique.html.