**Job Title:**  Research Fellow

Salary: £39,355 to £45,413 per annum

Grade: 7

Department: Respiratory Sciences

Hours/Contract: Full time

Job Family: Teaching and Research

Job Reference: UKRI MRC Southeast Asia collaboration

Role Purpose

This post-holder will undertake fundamental research on development of host-directed therapy for targeting *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* persisters. This UKRI funded project involves collaboration with Hasanuddin University (Indonesia) and Ubon Ratchathani University (Thailand). The post holder will work within the department. They will work collaboratively and independently as part of a research team to achieve defined milestones and produce high quality research as part of a wider programme.

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| **Main Duties and Responsibilities** |
| **Research**   * To undertake scientific research of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Mtb) persisters, evaluating novel drug candidates and establishing the mechanisms of their action * To lead in the collection, evaluation and interpretation of the research data, in experimental design and performance, and work autonomously to attain project milestones. * To develop techniques, critiques, approaches, models and methods for evaluation of drug effects on Mtb persisters * In agreement with the project PI and co-I, liaise with project collaborators to progress the research and to train collaborators * To lead in writing up research findings for dissemination amongst the research team and broader international community, and develop ideas and contributions for future grants, technical outputs. * To represent the research group by disseminating results/findings at national and international conferences and broader community. * To contribute to research outputs as a lead author and co-author to journal articles, technical papers, monograph, book chapter. * To assist in safe running of laboratory, writing RAs and SOPs and training of staff and students, including working in the category 3 containment laboratory * To develop and carry out a plan to extend an area of personal research or contribute as a team member to the development of a broader programme, this may include contributing to the writing of research bids/grants. * To provide guidance to other staff and students involved in the research programme * To manage project budget concerning consumables and research expenses   **Professional Development**   * Duties and opportunities to engage in work that support your own professional development. * To complete mandatory training   **Impact and Knowledge Exchange**   * Network and contribute to the maintaining and furthering of the wider research programme and research area * To contribute to collaborations with international partners and organisation of events to publicise the importance of Antimicrobial Resistance research and treatment of tuberculosis * To consult effectively on own specialism directly with people external to the University * To engage positively and pro-actively in research impact   **Leadership and Citizenship**   * Guidance to other team members both research staff and students * Pro-actively build networks and collaborations. * Providing mentoring and coaching to Early Career Researchers and research students. |
| **Internal and External Relationships** |
| Regular meetings with members of the programme research group  Meeting members of the department for critical discussion of the research and exchange of new ideas and approaches that might benefit the research  Liaison with external collaborators, contributing to collaboration agreements and material transfer agreements |
| **Planning and Organising** |
| You will be required to effectively manage your time to plan your research activity and to deliver on the priorities of the project:   * Prioritise tasks within agreed work schedules; * Plan for specific aspects of research incorporating issues such as deadlines, project milestones and overall research aims; * Adapt daily and weekly plans to accommodate new developments and be flexible to the changing priorities of the research project; |
| **Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience** |
| **Essential**   * PhD in Biochemistry or Microbiology\* * Evidence of leading authorship of high-quality research papers in peer-reviewed journals \* * Evidence of development of novel analytical methods * Experience in working with *Mtb*, including infection studies using cell lines and animals and writing specialised SOPs\* * Expertise in *Mtb* physiology, drug testing and host-pathogen interactions with relevant approaches/models and analytical techniques (including proteomics, transcriptomics viability and resuscitation assays) and ability to develop new ones where required \* |
| **Skills, Abilities and Competencies** |
| **Essential**   * Willingness and ability to work with internal and external stakeholders\* * Evidence of continued development of subject expertise\* * Excellent communication skills – written and verbal evidenced by the ability to communicate complex information \* * Evidence of working effectively as part of a team and the ability to work independently \* * Working towards independence and ability to be involved in collaborative research * Evidence and commitment to Continuous Professional Development (CPD) for yourself, and encourage commitment to learn and develop in others * Collegiate member of a research team   **Desirable**   * Budget management skills   ***\*Criteria to be used in shortlisting candidates for interview*** |
| **Reason for Fixed Term Contract (DELETE IF NOT REQUIRED)** |
| The reason for the fixed term contract is funding availability. |
| **Criminal Declaration** |
| If you become an employee, you must inform your manager immediately, in writing, if you are the subject of any current or future police investigations/legal proceedings, which could result in a criminal office, conviction, caution, bind-over or charges, or warnings. |
| **Supporting University Activities** |
| As a University of Leicester citizen, you are expected to support key university activities such as clearing, graduation ceremonies, student registration and recruitment open days. We expect all staff as citizens to work flexibly across the University if required. |
| **University Values** |
| **Inclusive** - We are diverse in our makeup and united in ambition. Our diversity is our strength and makes our community stronger.**Inspiring** - We are passionate about inspiring individuals to succeed and realise their ambitions. We challenge our community to think differently, to get involved, and to constantly embrace new ideas. **Impactful** - As Citizens of Change we will generate new ideas which deliver impact and empower our community |
| **Equity and Diversity** |
| We believe that equity, diversity and inclusion is integral to a successful modern workplace. By developing and implementing policies and systems that challenge stereotypes across all aspects of our work, we have a culture that recognises and values the diverse contributions of our staff which benefits everyone. Our strong values of inclusivity and equity support our efforts to attract a diverse range of high quality staff and students, and identify our University as a progressive and innovative workplace that mainstreams equity, diversity and inclusion. |