The Center for Neuroscience and Cell Biology (CNC), located at the University of Coimbra, Portugal, welcomes Researchers willing to contribute to the Center’s research Programs.

The candidates are expected to apply to the international call launched by the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) for the recruitment of 150 “Researchers FCT” to be hired in 2013. The call opened on the July 25th, and will close on the September 10th, 17:00 Lisbon time.

The call is aimed at postdoctoral researchers at three levels (each applicant can only apply for one level):

a. **Starting Grant** - for researchers with more than 3 and less than 8 years post-PhD experience at the time of application and an excellent track record. Prior experience of independent research is not required;

b. **Development Grant** - for researchers with an excellent track-record and significant experience of independent research (as group leaders, principal investigators on research projects or senior/corresponding authors on publications);

c. **Consolidation Grant** - for established independent researchers, with an outstanding curriculum and proof of leadership in his/her research area.


**IDEAL CANDIDATES TO THE CNC POSITIONS WILL POSSESS:**

- A strong record of research experience in at least one the following subjects:
  - Neuroscience and Disease
  - Metabolism and Chronic Diseases
  - New Preventive and Therapeutic Strategies
  - Aging (taking advantage of models that are not routinely exploited at CNC such as C. elegans, Drosophila..)
  - Genomics, Epigenetics and Molecular Biology
  - Molecular Biotechnology
CNC provides a large number of core scientific services that include animal housing, behavioral and surgical facilities, cell and slice electrophysiology, confocal microscopy, P.A.L.M laser *micro* dissection, single-cell calcium imaging; flow cytometry; NMR spectroscopy. The strong interaction with BIOCANT – Biotechnology Innovation Center (http://www.biocant.pt) provides access to state of the art advanced services for protein production and purification, DNA sequencing, DNA genotyping, and mass spectrometry. The physical proximity with IML and the unique national legislation affords access to human tissue samples.

For more information about the Centre please visit http://www.cnbc.pt.

The Board of Directors of the CNC invites the potential applicants to send their proposals to CNC by **August 19th** (email to llopes@cnc.uc.pt). The proposal ought to include the curriculum vitae, a summary of the tentative research aims and a career development plan, which will be subject to analysis and approval by the Board of Directors prior to submission to FCT. The Board of Directors decision will be communicate by August 26th 2013.