Study Nurse
BarcelonaBeta Brain Research Center Foundation

About the employer

The BarcelonaBeta Brain Research Center (BBRC) is a research center, constituted by the Pasqual Maragall Foundation. The goal of BBRC is to develop the understanding of age-related cognitive disability in order to provide practical solutions to the global challenges posed by the world’s aging population. This goal will be achieved by championing primary and secondary prevention programs for Alzheimer’s disease and other related neurodegenerative disorders, the study and promotion of healthy aging, and the research of mechanisms affected by healthy or pathological aging. The vision of BBRC is to provide the society with distinct and innovative solutions for age-related cognitive disability in order to attain a multidisciplinary comprehension of the aging process and the pathophysiology of neurodegeneration. At present BBRC deploys its research mission through the Alzheimer’s Prevention Program.

Pasqual Maragall Foundation, Pompeu Fabra University and “la Caixa” are permanent members of the BBRC Board. International competitive recruitment, state-of-the-art scientific facilities, effective management and continuous high-standard peer-review evaluation are the BBRC core proceedings to ensure achieving world-class research results. BBRC is affiliated and located in the Campus Ciutadella of the Barcelona Pompeu Fabra University, the building contains excellent technical facilities, including a research-dedicated 3T MR scanner and Clinical Trials facilities.

BBRC is also part of the Barcelona Biomedical Research Park (PRBB), a large research facility that hosts other seven different research institutions related to biomedical research, including the Center for Genomic Regulation (CRG), the Hospital del Mar Medical Research Institute (IMIM), the Department of Experimental and Health Sciences of the Pompeu Fabra University (CEXS-UPF), the Institute of Evolutionary Biology (IBE CSIC-UPF), the Barcelona Institute of Global Health (ISGlobal) and the Barcelona site of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL), among others, in a multidisciplinary, collaborative and stimulating international environment in close contact with a clinical setting, thus conducive to translational research.

For more information see: www.barcelonabeta.org and www.fpmaragall.org

About the project

The ALFA (for Alzheimer and Families) parent cohort, established by the BarcelonaBeta Brain Research Center, is composed by 2743 cognitively normal participants. This cohort was established as a research platform to characterize preclinical Alzheimer’s disease (AD) in asymptomatic individuals and is being leveraged to perform different studies and trials to prevent AD.

A second cohort, Beta-AARC (Alzheimer’s At Risk Cohort) study aims to include about 200 participants, who are experiencing a decline in their memory or other cognitive abilities (people with Subjective Cognitive Decline). Its main goal is the early detection of blood and digital biomarkers that represent the pathophysiological changes related to AD in people (either
cognitively unimpaired or MCI) experiencing a subjective worsening of their cognitive performance.
Furthermore, BBRC is participating in clinical trials from the Pharma-industry in order to test the preventive effect of experimental drugs in a group of participants with positive AD biomarkers.

About the job

The BBRC is looking for a highly-motivated Study Nurse (SN), with excellent clinical skills, motivation for Research and good interpersonal skills with a strong ability to work in interdisciplinary team of medical and research professionals. The candidate will report clinically to the Coordinator of the Nurse Team and for management issues to the responsible of the Clinical Operation Office, and

The SN will be responsible to execute clinical care and clinical procedures to all the subjects participating in BBRC’s clinical researches with emphasis on the safety and welfare of study participants. The SN will ensure that the dignity, health, safety, and welfare of participants are given the highest priority at all times. Furthermore, the SN will ensure that participant confidentiality is maintained.

Responsibilities

Specific responsibilities will be in the context of guidelines described for each protocol and will include:

- Contacting prospective study participants
- Performing required evaluations: Anthropometric measures, vital signs measures or perform a EKGS.
- Sample Management: Collection, processing, storage and record of biological samples.
- Lumbar puncture: Assist the medical team in the performance of lumbar punctures.
- Providing follow-up to participants to ensure their well-being that study procedures are followed or adherence is maximized.
- Completing case report forms.
- Updating the study database.
- Gathering necessary information from the research participants;
- Responding to emergency situations based upon nursing standards
- Utilizing skills, knowledge and clinical judgement in order to provide a high standard of care for participants in clinical research.

Required qualifications, competences and technical skills

- Nursing Degree
- Registered Nurse
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office in Excel and Word.
- Good level of English (reading and writing).
- Knowledge of Medical and clinical research Terminology will be considered.
- Excellent verbal, written and organizational skills
• Flexible, able and willing to make changes in work schedule to meet the demands of the institution.

Personal skills
• Ability to work effectively with a multidisciplinary team.
• Ability to work collaboratively (empathic and focused team-worker).
• Excellent interpersonal and communications skills.
• Able to work in a fast-paced environment.
• Ability to organize and prioritize responsibilities while paying extreme attention to detail is an asset in this position.
• Interest in joining a non-profit organization with a mission of high social impact.

Selection Process
• Pre-selection: The pre-selection process will be based on qualifications, expertise and motivation reflected on the candidate cover letter and CV. It will be merit-based.
• Interview: Preselected candidates will be interviewed by an internal scientific committee.
• Offer Letter: Once the successful candidate is identified the Human Resources department will send a Job Offer, specifying the start day, salary, working conditions, among other important details.

Benefits
We offer a unique research opportunity in a highly innovative project in a multidisciplinary institution.

• Starting date: ASAP
• The position is scheduled initially for 3 years
• Salary will depend on experience and will be in accordance to BBRC’s salary scales
• Availability for on-call nursing service
• Full-time position.

We offer and promote a diverse and inclusive environment and welcomes applicants regardless of age, disability, gender, nationality, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity.
Application process

To apply, please submit a single PDF file containing the following:

1) Cover letter describing research interests and relevant background
2) CV
3) The names of up to three individuals who could provide reference letters. All files or inquiries should be submitted electronically to: rh@barcelonabeta.org

Subject: Nurse

We inform you that your personal data will be part of a file which Pasqual Maragall Foundation and Barcelonaβeta Brain Research Center is responsible for, in order to manage the job offer you have requested. Once the process is complete, the data processed will be erased.

You have the right to exercise the rights of access, rectification, cancellation and opposition recognized in Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation), to be addressed to the Pasqual Maragall Foundation and Barcelonaβeta Brain Research Center: Wellington Street 30, 08005 Barcelona.