

Research Role Profile

Job Title:	Research Fellow in Cardiovascular Biology
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Job Summary and Purpose:
To undertake research in accordance with the specified research project(s) under the supervision of the principal investigator.

Main Responsibilities/Activities
<p>To undertake a range of research activities within a specified research area, assuming responsibility for specific areas of projects and making use of new research techniques and methods, in consultation with the research award holder or supervisor. This may include fieldwork, interviews, laboratory experimentation, critical evaluation and interpretation, computer-based data analysis and evaluation or library research.</p> <p>Using initiative and creativity to identify areas for research develop new research methods and extend the research portfolio. Analysing and interpreting results of own research. Write up results and prepare papers for submission to appropriate journals and conferences, and other outputs as required and/or appropriate. Attend appropriate conferences for the purpose of disseminating research results of personal development. The post holder may also contribute to writing bids for research grants and will contribute to collaborative decision making with colleagues in areas of research.</p> <p>Continually to update knowledge and develop skills, and translate knowledge of advances in the area into research activity.</p> <p>To plan and manage own research activity in collaboration with others. To carry out administrative tasks associated with specified research funding, for example risk assessment of research activities, organisation of project meetings and documentation. Implementation of procedures required to ensure accurate and timely formal reporting and financial control.</p> <p>To contribute to teaching in the Faculty by carrying out student supervision and/or demonstrating within the post holder's area of expertise and under the direct guidance of a member of departmental academic staff, as appropriate.</p> <p>The post holder may occasionally be required to supervise more junior research staff.</p>

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Person Specification

The post holder must have:

A doctoral degree in a relevant discipline (although individuals who have almost completed a doctoral degree may be appointed). Consideration may also be given to individuals who do not hold a doctoral degree but have required skills based on a number of years' experience in specified / relevant fields

The post holder will have authority over some aspects of project work and must be capable of providing academic judgement, offering original and creative thoughts and be able to interpret and analyse results.

Relationships and Contacts

Direct responsibility to the principal investigator or academic supervisor. The post holder may be asked to serve on a relevant Faculty committee. There may be additional reporting and liaison responsibilities to external funding bodies or sponsors. The post holder may work on original research tasks with colleagues in other institutions.

Special Requirements

To be available to participate in fieldwork as required by the specified research project

All staff are expected to:

- Positively support equality of opportunity and equity of treatment to colleagues and students in accordance with the University of Surrey Equal Opportunities policy.
- Help maintain a safe working environment by:
 - Attending training in Health and Safety requirements as necessary, both on appointment and as changes in duties and techniques demand
 - Following local codes of safe working practices and the University of Surrey Health and Safety Policy
- Undertake such other duties within the scope of the post as may be requested by your Manager.

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Addendum

This document provides additional information relating to both specific aspects of the post/faculty and any post specific person specification criteria. The information contained within this document should always be read in conjunction with the accompanying generic Job Purpose.

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Background Information/Relationships

Coagulation protease generation initiated by tissue factor (TF) plays a pivotal role in the generation of a fibrin clot at the site of vascular injury but it also plays a critical role in the pathology of: atherosclerosis; intimal hyperplasia seen in restenosis; organ rejection in transplantation; tumour growth and metastases as well as in many other inflammatory responses through activation of protease activated receptors (PARs). Central to any investigation of the role of TF in the initiation of blood coagulation, inflammation, and cancer must be an understanding of the expression pattern in normal tissue and in experimental disease models. The specific objective of this project is to validate the use of a newly generated transgenic mouse strain (TF-EGFP) to allow accurate assessment of TF expression in vivo; address fundamental questions regarding TF biology and its role in the pathophysiology of disease.

Mice transgenic for the mTF-EGFP gene will be characterised for expression of the mTF-EGFP mRNA and protein in order to verify that it accurately reproduces expression patterns of mTF observed in wild type litter mates by qRT-PCR, Western blot, ELISA and immunohistochemical analysis.

The TF-EGFP mice will then be used to study mTF expression in embryonic development, in adult tissues and in murine models of endotoxaemia, allowing us to address fundamental biological questions regarding TF biology.

This Research Fellow post is within the research group of Professor John H. McVey, one of six academic staff in the Section of Cardiovascular Biology <https://www.surrey.ac.uk/school-biosciences-medicine/research/section-cardiovascular-sciences>. The successful applicant will have to opportunity to collaborate across the Section to expand their skills and knowledge in cardiovascular biology.

Person Specification

This section describes the sum total of knowledge, experience & competence required by the post holder that is necessary for standard acceptable performance in carrying out this role. This is in addition to the criteria contained within the accompanying generic Job Purpose.

Qualifications and Professional Memberships

**Essential/
Desirable**

A higher research degree (PhD) (or near completion) in a relevant subject

Essential

Technical Competencies (Experience and Knowledge) This section contains the level of competency required to carry out the role.

**Essential/
Desirable**

Experience of immuno-histochemistry

Essential

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Experience of confocal microscopy	Essential
Experience of working with RNA	Desirable
Experience of qRT-PCR	Desirable
Experience of Western blot analysis	Desirable
Key Responsibilities This document is not designed to be a list of all tasks undertaken but an outline record of any faculty/post specific responsibilities. This should be read in conjunction with those contained within the accompanying generic Job Purpose.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Perform histology and immunohistochemistry on tissues 2. Perform confocal microscopy and analysis of images 3. Perform FACS analysis of PBMCs from mouse blood 4. Purify and quantify RNA by RT-qPCR 5. Analyze and validate transcriptomic and proteomic datasets 6. Contribute to the writing and submission of high-quality scientific papers 7. Deliver scientific presentations to the research section and externally at national and international scientific conferences 8. Help with day-to-day supervision of undergraduate and postgraduate students in the laboratory <p>N.B. The above list is not exhaustive.</p>	