

Dear Friends/Colleagues

We would like to alert you to **4 exciting new positions** that are just about to become available within the Paediatric Gastroenterology Clinical Academic Unit at Great Ormond Street Hospital and UCL Institute of Child Health, London, United Kingdom.

The clinical unit at Great Ormond Street is a established centre of excellence in Paediatric Gastroenterology and given recent expansion is set to become one of the largest such units in Europe. In parallel with this is a planned phased growth of the academic unit of paediatric gastroenterology initially with the addition of a PI and 3 other research associate and assistant posts to join the current 'young and active' research team. The academic unit has a proven track record in enteric neuromuscular research from embryological development through to innovative therapies. The Institute of Child Health performs as one of the highest ranking such institutes internationally and is a department within the prestigious University College London (UCL).

The current positions will fall under the Neurogastroenterology and Motility Development and Disorders Group currently jointly led by Dr. Nikhil Thapar (Senior Lecturer and Honorary Consultant) and Dr. Alan Burns (Senior Lecturer). The group is involved in a number of research projects ranging from developmental aspects of the gut neuromusculature (e.g. ENS development, myogenesis) through to regenerative medicine (e.g. stem cells, tissue engineering). They actively interact with the clinical teams and other researchers locally, nationally and internationally.

Positions available

1. **Principal Investigator** in Enteric Neurophysiology – the post will suit either an established senior PI seeking new challenges or an experienced post-doctoral researcher aiming to establish a PI position and group. Post-holders will be expected to have expertise in enteric neurophysiology techniques and to both support current exciting research projects in development and stem cell therapies as well as develop their own research programme. Resources available for establishment of the PI's research programme e.g. staff, laboratories, equipment are negotiable. Recruitment into this position is designed to provide tenure.
2. Two **Research Associate** (post-doctoral) positions to support the work of the new PI and join in the current research team to support existing and new planned projects. The posts will suit post-doctoral researchers with, or keen to develop, an interest in enteric neurobiology, translational research and stem cell biology.
3. **Research Assistant** post - this position will suit individuals keen to acquire research experience (±specifically to enteric biology) prior to embarking on a scientific career/doctoral (e.g. PhD) studies, or those who seek the RA as a career path. The remit would be to support the various activities of the research team.

All posts will be advertised in leading scientific journals/websites over the coming weeks but any interested individuals are encouraged to contact Nikhil Thapar (n.thapar@ich.ucl.ac.uk) or Alan Burns (a.burns@ich.ucl.ac.uk) for informal discussion and further information.

Kindest regards,

Nikhil Thapar & Alan Burns