Marie Skłodowska-Curie Early Stage Researcher in Applied Biostatistics and Genetic Epidemiology

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Are you a rising star in the field of biostatistics and keen to apply this to genomics data, in the first four years of your research career and based outside the UK? Do you want to further your career and attain a PhD in one of the UK’s leading research intensive universities?

This post is a PhD studentship available for a fixed term of three years to undertake research funded through Marie Curie as part of an Initial Training Network in relation to “HEalth data Linkage for ClinicAL benefit (HELICAL) Innovative Training Network. This research project (ESR 008) will focus on linking public and GCA datasets to identify novel pathogenic pathways. The HELICAL training program focuses on three complementary areas: application of informatics to such datasets to gain new biological insights; translation of these into practical clinical outputs and management of ethical constraints imposed on such studies.

You will be trained in advanced statistical genetics and systems biology applied to giant cell arteritis pathogenesis. General training will include enhancement of their awareness of FAIR and GDPR data principles. The HELICAL ITN is highly integrated and so the appointee will also have the opportunity to acquire additional skills through regular meetings, workshops and seminars, and through secondments to other partners in the HELICAL network.

To meet the requirements of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Network, you will be an early stage researcher within the first four years of your research career, have not yet been awarded a doctoral degree (PhD), and have not lived or carried out your main activity (work/study) in the UK for more than 12 months during the past three years.

As well as previous research experience, you will have a good honours BSc (minimum upper second or equivalent) in statistics or a related discipline. Research experience gained through an MSc would be advantageous as would experience in statistics, bioinformatics or computational biology.

Salary: The per annum Marie Skłodowska-Curie Early Stage Researcher living and mobility allowance (plus family allowance if applicable) is in line with Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Network requirements. This amount will be subject to tax and employee’s National Insurance deductions, and will be paid in UK Sterling (£) using an appropriate conversion rate

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