EBRI is a private non-profit institute, founded by the Nobel Laureate Rita Levi Montalcini with the objective of investigating fundamental mechanisms underlying the functional organization of the brain and to translate basic brain science into ways to possibly cure the diseases affecting the nervous system.

Group Leader for Research Laboratory in Pathophysiological mechanisms underlying neurodegenerative disorders including, in particular cytosol and mitochondrial metabolic pathways

The research at EBRI is based on a set of laboratories, each of them headed by a group leader. In most cases the group leaders are young Italian and foreign scientists who were given the chance and the funding resources to start their independent research activity within a modern institute. The group leader selection is based on the excellence of the scientific career and the quality of the line of research proposed.

In line with the EBRI’s strategy to maintain standard of excellence in research, broaden the topics of interest and foster the birth and growth of new research units, a new position for group leader is now available. This is intended for promising young investigators below 40 years of age, employed abroad at the time of the application and seeking the opportunity of establishing full independent scientific operations in Italy.

The ideal candidate would have:

- Outstanding scientific track record as determined by prestigious fellowship, first or last author publications in high level peer-reviewed journals;
- Completed his scientific doctoral training within 6 years at the time of application;
- Carried at least 5 years of full time research experience in qualified institutions abroad at postdoctoral level and ideally with experience of group leadership;
- Testable understanding of pathophysiological mechanisms underlying neurodegenerative disorders and of cell metabolism regulation.

Preference will be given to applications from Italian investigators wishing to move back in their country of origin, in support of a national strategy of brain gain. The successful candidate will establish a new line of research devoted to a throughout understanding of pathophysiological mechanisms underlying neurodegenerative disorders aiming to the identification of novel molecular targets for therapeutic treatment.

EBRI provides its group leaders with a very supportive environment for the experimental activity and in return, expects them to set highly ambitious and original scientific goals for their research.

An initial fixed term contract will be offered to the successful candidate together with an attractive start up package.

To apply, please email preferably as pdf format: a cover letter, CV and a concise description of research interests and future research plans. In addition, three letters of recommendation are required.

Applications must be received within 20 July, 2010 and interviews will be held after. The selection will be carried out by an ad hoc nominated Committee made of neuroscientists of international reputation.

Applications and all correspondence including further information should be sent to prof. Giuseppe Nisticò, EBRI Commissioner (nistico@uniroma2.it)

For the application’s details please check www.ebri.it