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2-year Research engineer Position(s) in Law
(Either 1 full-time position or 2 half-time positions)
H2020: EuroGCT project

Introduction

The research centre, UMR 7318 International, Comparative and European Laws (DICE- CERIC) is looking for a research engineer in law for 24 months from 1st April 2021 to work on the H2020 project EuroGCT: European Consortium for Communicating Gene and Cell Therapy information (Coordinator: C. Blackburn, GA 965241).

Context

The European Consortium for Communicating Gene and Cell Therapy Information (EuroGCT) has two objectives:

- To provide patients, people affected by conditions, healthcare professionals and citizens with accurate scientific, legal, ethical and societal information and with engagement opportunities and thus support better informed decision-making related to cell and gene-based therapies.
- To facilitate better decision-making at key points in development of new therapies and thus enable improved product development.

EuroGCT brings together 49 partners: six European learned societies for cell and gene therapy, including the European Society for Gene and Cell Therapy, seven European national or regional Stem Cell Networks, the European Human Pluripotent Stem Cell Registry (hPSCReg), the European Bank for Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells (EBiSC), the UK Cell and Gene Therapy Catapult, the European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network, two patient representative organisations, and 29 other internationally recognized European cell and gene therapy research centres and regulatory agencies including the Paul Ehrlich Institute (Langen, Germany), spanning 19 European countries.

At the crossroads between social and human sciences (notably Law and ethics but generally Legal, Ethical and Social Implications) and biomedical sciences (Gene and Cell therapy), EuroGCT will provide reliable information to various communities such as researchers, patients, regulatory authorities, learned societies and the public at large.

Main role

The main role of the research engineer is to assist the Deputy-coordinator and leader of WP 4 in the various tasks of the EuroGCT project as an Information Officer on Ethics, Legal & Societal Implications (ELSI). This will involve assisting in the project's research and coordination actions. More particularly, the position involves engagement with ELSI researchers, collection and collation of information, mapping of ELSI landscapes, and development of sets of practical, reliable and accessible information in the field of gene and cell therapy. The position will also involve participating in the writing of the project's reports. The research engineer will also support the management of the project's activities.



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Main activities

- Constitution of and engagement with a EuroGCT ELSI (Ethical, Legal and Social Implications) Network of Expertise.
- Information collection and collation.
- Information structuring.
- Analysis and synthesis of normative texts.
- Clarification and popularisation of ethical, legal and regulatory landscapes.
- Mapping of the practical aspects of cell and gene therapy development in Europe, including manufacturing guidelines, legal, regulatory, ethical and socio-economic aspects.
- Development of sets of practical, reliable and accessible information in the field of gene and cell therapy.
- Support in the organisation of scientific events.
- Support in the writing of the project's reports.
- Writing of didactic articles.
- Presentations at conferences and communications to the public at large.

Location

The research engineer will work under the supervision of the Deputy-coordinator and leader of WP4 of the EuroGCT project, Aurélie Mahalatchimy, based in France. He/she will be affiliated to the Centre of International and Community Researches and Studies (CERIC) directed by Eve Truilhé, within UMR 7318 International, Comparative and European Laws (DICE) directed by Marthe Fatin-Rouge Stefanini, in Aix-en-Provence, France.

Salary and benefits

The net salary will approximately be 1,600€ per month. The salary will be funded by a research grant from the Horizon 2020, EuroGCT project.

The successful applicant will be an employee of Protisvalor, a subsidiary of Aix-Marseille University and will receive a comprehensive package of benefits, including an extended health insurance, luncheon vouchers, and the reimbursement of 50% of public transportation fee.

Duration

The position is starting from 1st April 2021 for 24 months, renewable.

The position can be either a full-time position or half-time position (2 positions offered in this latter case)

Requirements

- A Master 2 in Law, Political Science, Ethics or Science and Technology Studies. Strong knowledge in law/regulation is required. A specialisation in International and European Law or Health Law will be highly appreciated.
- Knowledge in the regulation of biomedical innovations (mainly gene therapy and cell therapy or regenerative medicine) will be highly appreciated.
- Knowledge in Ethical, Legal and Social issues of biomedicine will be highly appreciated.
- An experience with participation in a research project would be welcome.
- The ability to work in an international environment, in English (written, read, and spoken), is required. The ability to work in French as well will be particularly welcome.



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- Ability to write legal research texts.
- Ability to combine autonomous and team working.
- Strong Interest in interdisciplinarity.
- Strong organisational abilities.
- Strong abilities in team working.

Eligibility

This position is open to current graduated researchers (with a completed Master 2) in Social and Human Sciences, preferably in Law, Political Science, Ethics or Science and Technology Studies, with strong knowledge in law/regulation.

French Law (so-called "loi Sauvadet") does not allow to recruit applicants who would have already been employed in our research centre (CERIC, UMR 7318 International, Comparative and European Laws) for more than four years.

It is required to be fluent in English (written, read, and spoken).

How to apply

The application shall include the following documents:

- A motivation Letter in English, specifying notably whether you are applying for a full-time or a half-time position.
- A detailed CV with full contact information (in English).
- One support letter (in English or French).

The full application shall be sent by email to Aurélie Mahalatchimy (aurelie.mahalatchimy@univ-amu.fr, Deputy-coordinator and leader of WP 4 of the EuroGCT project), to Martine Perron (martine.perron@univ-amu.fr, communication and valorisation in EuroGCT) and to Pascal Gauttier (pascal.gauttier@univ-amu.fr, manager in EuroGCT), by **26 March 2021**.