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One (1) Research Technician Position

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The Arthropod Disease Vector Biology lab (<https://www.imbb.forth.gr/en/research>), headed by **Dr. Michail Kotsyfakis**, invites applications for one technician position to work on the newly funded Human Frontiers Science Program project:
“Exploring Interdisciplinary Frontiers to Understand Tick-virus Dynamics at a Global Scale” (Acronym: RGP010/2025).

Job Description: We are looking for a motivated technician with a background in veterinary science, to join a project applying molecular biology techniques to characterize the expression profiles and functional properties of molecules involved in tick-virus-host interactions at various stages of tick feeding and infection.

About the Lab and Position: The successful candidate will be expected to join a multidisciplinary group composed of chemists and biologists. They will collaborate on innovation-driven research, contribute to supervision of junior researchers, participate in dissemination activities, and develop grant-writing and scientific communication skills.

About the Project: The project investigates the ecological dynamics of zoonotic viruses, especially CCHFV and Hyalomma spp. ticks. It explores how viruses interact with vectors, hosts, and environmental conditions across regions and climate scenarios.

Key objectives include:

- Tick population dynamics and speciation
- Role of migratory birds in viral spread
- Virome association analysis
- Modeling of virus-vector ecology under climate change scenarios

Required qualifications:

- Degree in Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM).
- MSc in Veterinary Microbiology or related discipline.
- Proven laboratory experience and training in molecular biology techniques, including PCR, gel electrophoresis, DNA/RNA extraction, sequencing, and bioinformatics.
- Knowledge of the English language (both oral and written).

Desired qualifications/requirements:

- Hands-on international training course on CRISPR technology, bioinformatics, or molecular biology
- Peer-reviewed publications in reputable first quartile journals relevant to veterinary microbiology, molecular biology, or zoonotic diseases
- Over two years of experience in supervising or training students in laboratory techniques.
- Prior participation in international collaborative research projects.
- Ability to start in the next five months.

	Evaluation criteria	Maximum score
1.	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) (Score points = grade x 2)	20
2.	MSc in Veterinary Microbiology or related field (Score points = grade x 2)	20
3.	Peer-reviewed research and review article publications in the area of veterinary infectious diseases, molecular biology, One Health, virulence factors, antimicrobial resistance, and proteomics 1 publication = 5 points, > = 2 publications = 10 points, > = 5 = 20 points	20
4.	Proven laboratory experience in molecular biology and microbial diagnostics (PCR, sequencing, bioinformatics) (3-12 months = 5 points, > 12 months = 10 points)	10
5.	Oral and written English proficiency (B2 = 10 points, C1 = 15 points, C2 = 20 points)	20
6.	Hands-on international training course on CRISPR technology, bioinformatics, or molecular biology 1 training = 3 points, 2 trainings = 7 points, > = 3 trainings = 10 points	10
7.	Over two years of teaching and supervision experience at the university level and laboratory settings	YES / NO
8.	Participation in international collaborative research projects	YES / NO
9.	Ability to start within five months	YES / NO
Total score		100

Contract Duration: 12 months with the possibility of extension for another three years

Salary: Per the national law depending on qualifications

Envisaged starting date: 1st September 2025

Application submission: Interested applicants should submit their application electronically by **July 12, 2025**

The application should consist of:

1. Application Form (see below)
2. CV
3. Brief statement of purpose
4. The names and contact details of two referees
5. Scanned copies of academic titles
6. Scanned copies proving all the qualifications

Submission of applications: par0785@imbb.forth.gr

Evaluation procedure

Applications will be evaluated by a three-member evaluation committee. In case of interview procedure, applicants will be invited to participate in person or teleconference.

In case of titles and qualifications awarded by foreign Higher Education Institutions, the provisions of the Law 55/2023 (article 36) and 4957/2022 (article 304) are implemented.

The results of the selection will be announced on the website of IMBB-FORTH. Applicants have the right to appeal

the selection decision, by addressing their written objection to the IMBB secretariat within five days since the results announcement on the web. Objections are submitted in one of the following ways: in person, by an authorized person, by post, by courier. They also have the right to access (a) the files of the applicants as well as (b) the table of applicants' scores (ranking of applicants results). All the above information related to the selection procedure will be available at the secretariat of IMBB-FORTH in line with the Hellenic Data Protection Authority. Access to personal data of co- applicants shall be limited to personal data (and relevant data) and supporting documents which have been the basis of the evaluation of the applicants for the specific post(s). Prior to the announcement of the personal data and/or documents of the co- applicants to the applicant, FORTH will inform the data subjects in an appropriate way.

The selected applicants will be notified personally regarding the success of his/her application and will be requested to submit certified copies of his/her degrees. If the submitted documents do not agree with the original application, the applicant will be dismissed.

Throughout the duration of the project, and if there is a need to replace persons selected in accordance with this Call, the replacement will be carried out by selecting - based on score/point allocation - another candidate(s) from the compiled ranking list.

In the event that for any reason the funding provided for the project is interrupted, FORTH-IMBB reserves the right to interrupt the execution of the contract with a special declaration of interruption and without compensation.

FORTH-IMBB does not undertake any commitment to conclude a contract and is entitled to cancel or repeat the procedure without obligation to pay any compensation, excluding any relevant claim by the candidates.

Participation in this call for expressions of interest implies full acceptance of the terms of this.

GDPR Disclaimer

FORTH is compliant with all legal procedures for the processing of personal data as defined by the Regulation EU/2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data. FORTH processes the personal data and relevant supporting documents that applicants have submitted. Processing of that data is carried out exclusively for the needs and purposes of this specific call. Such data shall not be transmitted to or communicated to any third party unless required by law.

FORTH retains the above data up to the announcement of the final results of the call, unless further process and reservation is required by law or for purposes of exercise, enforcement, prosecution of certain one's legitimate legal rights' as defined in the Regulation EU/2016/679 and/or in national law. Under the Regulation EU/2016/679, applicants have the rights to be informed about their personal data, access to, rectification and erasure, restrictions of process and objection to as provided by applicable regulation and national laws. Applicants have the right to file a complaint to the national Data Protection Authority. For any further information regarding exercise of personal data protection rights, applicants may contact the Data Protection Officer at FORTH at dpo@admin.forth.gr.

Applicants have the right to withdraw their application and consent for the processing of personal data at any time. In this case, FORTH shall destroy such documents and/or supporting documents submitted and shall delete the related personal data.

APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____
 Surname: _____
 Date of birth (dd/mm/yy): _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone number: _____
 Email address: _____

TO
FOUNDATION OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY (FORTH)
INSTITUTE OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY

Hereby I submit my application for the position:

In the framework of the project: _____

Position code [Ref #] _____

Submitted with this application:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

I certify that:

- A) I accept the terms and conditions of the job announcement
- B) I possess all the necessary certificates and documents and I can present them in their original form to the committee without any delay if I am asked to do so
- C) I am able to complete the project within the foreseen time -frame
- D) all the information given in the framework of this application are accurate and true.

Date: _____

Applicant name

 (signature)