**Department of Health and Human Services**

**National Institutes of Health**

**National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute**

**Staff Scientist - Electron Microscopy Core – Job Description**

The Division of Intramural Research (DIR) of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) is seeking to recruit an outstanding contractor in the Electron Microscopy core.

**Responsibilities Include:**

* Contributing to facility service operations including communication with core facility clients; sample acquisition, sample processing and archiving; imaging data maintenance, etc.
* Conducting literature and database searches on relevant to the projects and instrumentations of the laboratory
* Lab maintenance including consumables and reagents restocking, operations with standard laboratory equipment (and with advanced equipment after training) and assistance with organization of lab events including training, demo sessions, etc.
* Keeping up to date with technical and methodological developments in microscopy and biomedical sciences and with methodology and instrumentation of the lab
* Administrative support of laboratory operations including ordering, procurement, invoicing, maintenance of records and inventory databases and liaising with the manufacturers and vendors for purchases, repairs, upgrades and application support
* Complying with safety guidelines and requirements by following and ensuring strict safety procedures and safety checks (including toxic waste management)

The Electron Microscopy core places a strong emphasis on creating an environment where scientists and physician scientists can work together on disease-specific issues using the most appropriate approaches available. There are strong interactions with a wide range of independent research groups, and the position offers exceptional opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration within and outside of the NIH.

The existing faculty in the DIR/NHLBI is an outstanding group of internationally recognized biomedical researchers covering a wide range of basic and clinical research topics (please see <https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/research/intramural>) complemented by the other research institutes within the DIR (please see <http://www.nih.gov/science/#campus>).

**The successful candidate should have a strong track record of the following:**

* PhD Degree in the field of biomedical sciences, biotechnology, chemistry, pharmacology or related disciplines
* 2-4 years of relevant working experience in a laboratory environment
* Proficiency with basic laboratory techniques including state of the art EM methods:
  + Negative staining
  + Chemical fixation, high-pressure freezing of cells and multi-cellular specimens
  + Resin embedding
  + Ultramicrotomy (including serial sectioning)
  + 3D EM imaging (TEM tomography and FIB-SEM, strong knowledge and experience with ion milling, SEM and FIB is preferred)
  + Image analysis and 3D cellular modelling
  + Correlative light and electron microscopy (on section and 3D CLEM)
  + Possess computational skills in MS Office, Adobe Creative Suite applications, in work with online databases and image processing
  + Theoretical knowledge of biological sample preparation for microscopy and advanced microscopy techniques is an added advantage
  + Experience in digital imaging and image processing software is a plus
  + Good in time management and multi-tasking
  + Can initiate and complete tasks assigned independently
  + Can maintain and calibrate technical equipment and apply knowledge learnt to solve technical issues
  + Flexible and able to work in close collaboration with other team members

*Salary is commensurate with research experience and accomplishments.*

Appointees may be US citizens, resident aliens, or non-resident aliens with or eligible to obtain a valid employment authorized visa. Applications from women, minorities and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged.

Applicants should send a curriculum vitae and complete bibliography, a cover letter outlining major accomplishments, and contact details for three references.

**To apply, please email your CV and supporting documentation to Hilina Kibrom at** [hilina.kibrom@nih.gov](mailto:hilina.kibrom@nih.gov)