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# 1. Website

## NCbio page (version 1.0)

NCbio website **version 1.0** was launched in December 2020 for the preannouncement of the job/position opportunity. It was later updated (January 2021, **version 1.1**) with more details of the application procedures and other details. This version's aim was only to expedite the recruitment process, gathering all the information relevant for applicants and sharing it in a clear and appealing form. The preliminary version will later on give rise to a more complex website, once the Era Chair team start to work inhouse, to incorporate the Era Chair holder's vision of the project. The Project will have a specific area within the i3S website (**version 2.0**) and will also have an external dedicated online page (**version 3.0**) to promote research, achievements and activities of this ERA Chair. The dedicated page will also serve as a platform to gather and promote the materials and messages directed to different stakeholders.

## NCbio page address

The current address of NCbio (version 2.0) is [http://erachairs.i3s.up.pt/?page\\_id=679](http://erachairs.i3s.up.pt/?page_id=679)  
NCbio dedicated website (version 3.0) will be <http://www.ncbio.i3s.up.pt/>

## NCbio page (version 2.0) within the IBMC/ i3S website

As soon as the NCbio research group is set at i3S (M9), a page about the group will be included in the IBMC/i3S website, according to the institutional website rules. This page will include general information about the group, its objectives, the team assembled, publications and general achievements, and will be connected to the internal database and Backoffice.

## NCbio dedicated website (version 3.0)

NCbio will have a website to publicly share information about the project (objectives and outputs), and will include a wider range of information about project activities. It will also include dissemination materials produced by the team and the other members of the NCbio project, reinforcing its internal and external promotion / dissemination. As the project

progresses, the website will also include information on project outcomes, research developments, publications, and achievements.

The NCbio page will promote scientific and technical data, important activities, patient-oriented information, as well as feed relevant news including, but not limited to, funding opportunities, entrepreneurial opportunities, regulatory news, and successful collaboration cases.

The updates will take place throughout the project's duration in close collaboration with the full project team.

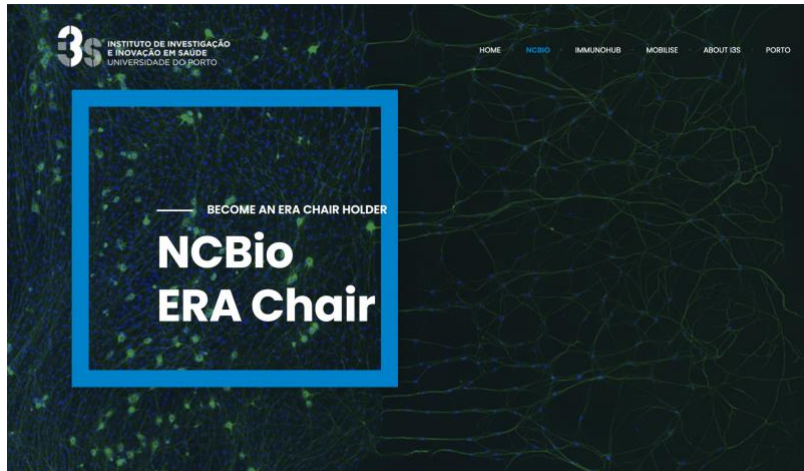
The website will remain online for at least 5 years after the end of the project in a steady state. The NCbio page will continue to exist beyond the H2020 project within the IBMC/i3S website with updated information, as a sustainability measure for dissemination and communication.

## **Current website (version 1.1) structure and contents**

The website 1.0 mainly targets potential applicants to the NCBIO ERA Chair. It includes a short but clear description of the project and its aims, what's expected from the ERA Chairs Holder, offered conditions, application requirements and details on how to apply.

It also included general information on the institute (IBMC/ i3S) and the city (Porto).

## 2. Layouts



NCBio ERA CHAIR

### NCBio ERA Chair Neural Cell biology

I3S is still lacking a strong research group on Neural Cell Biology, to unlock the full potential of the research groups of the Programme of Neurobiology and Neurologic Disorders (PN&ND).

The main objective of NCBio ERA Chair is to recruit and retain an ERA Chair Holder, i.e. an experienced researcher, in the field of Neural Cell Biology. Along with the ERA Chair holder, their scientific team will join I3S and establish a new research group in the field of Neural Cell Biology ('NCBio group').

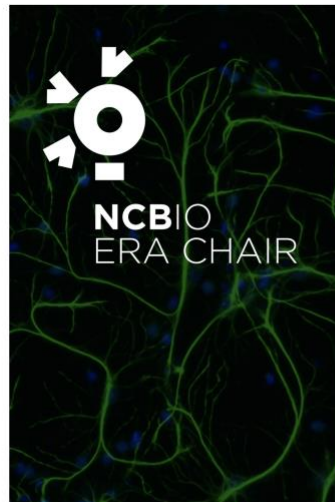
Additionally, the recruited NCBio group leader will have an active role in:

- Expanding the potential of PN&ND research groups in cooperation with the Research and Innovation unit;
- Upgrading existing doctoral programmes through the creation of Neural Cell Biology courses;
- Creating and coordinating the Neural Cell Biology Stakeholder Hub that will promote the relationship of PN&ND groups with key industrial, clinical and patient representatives, and policy-makers.

In short, the ERA Chair Holder is assigned with expanding, both in extent and reputation, the field of Neurobiology at I3S by supporting institutional structural changes towards excellence and sustainability. This will strengthen the I3S position as a prominent biomedical R&I institution in Europe.

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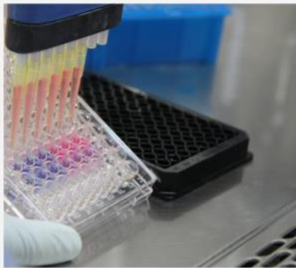
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## ERA Chair holder offered conditions

As a highly relevant contributor to advance the I3S strategy on Neural Cell Biology, NCBio will offer the conditions for the ERA Chair Holder and Team to thrive:

- 5-year contract as Research Coordinator, research equivalent to Full Professor, with an internationally competitive salary;
- Relocation expenses, along with support concerning housing, legal/immigration issues, spouse's employment, kindergarten/schooling, etc;
- 250 thousand euros in seed money in the first year of operation for the group's research activities and to cover initial operational costs;
- Total scientific freedom including the selection of a research team (four additional researchers - 2 at the Associate Professor level, 1 Postdoctoral Fellow, 1 Technician) paid directly by the NCBio project throughout its course;

At I3S, a dynamic institution with a rich ecosystem, the ERA Chair Holder will find every condition to thrive as an individual, as a team leader and as a key contributor to breakthroughs in the field of Neural Cell Biology and, overall, to a large scientific structure ever in pursuit of excellence.



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## ERA Chair holder conditions to apply

The selection committee is looking to recruit a senior researcher with an established international reputation in Neural Cell Biology and strong expertise in securing, managing and leading collaborative research projects and teams / institutional units.

Admission requirements include:

- PhD degree obtained at least 10 years before application;
- Established international reputation based on research excellence in the field of Neural Cell Biology;
- Strong record of publication of influential papers;
- Large experience in leading research groups;
- Proven track-record in securing and managing significant funding;
- Experience in establishing collaborative relationships with relevant industry R&D stakeholders;
- Track-record in workshop and conference organising committees and delivering invited talks;
- Ability to make a positive contribution to research and development through collaborative projects and consortia with relevant industry research or development groups;
- Capacity to identify research problems and opportunities within the area of expertise, developing a strategic vision on the future of the research field, and recognising the broader implications and applications of their research;
- Excellent ability to communicate and network with the research community and wider society;
- Commitment to the professional development of their own career;
- Availability and capability to mentor and be a role model for other researchers;
- Ability to foster an innovative and creative research environment.

The successful applicant will be expected to commit to the position for the grant's full duration.

The recruiting process will be conducted following the Portuguese labor code, and selection criteria that prioritise merit and transparency, as well as a non-discrimination and equal access policy.

### KEY DATES

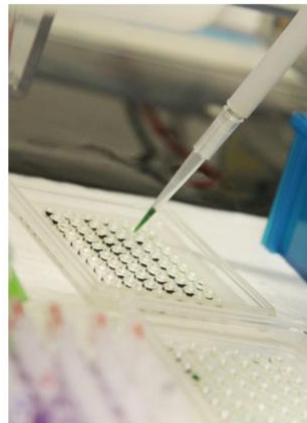
Application opening/announcement: 1<sup>st</sup> February

Application deadline (preliminary): 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021

Results: no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Estimated start date: September 2021

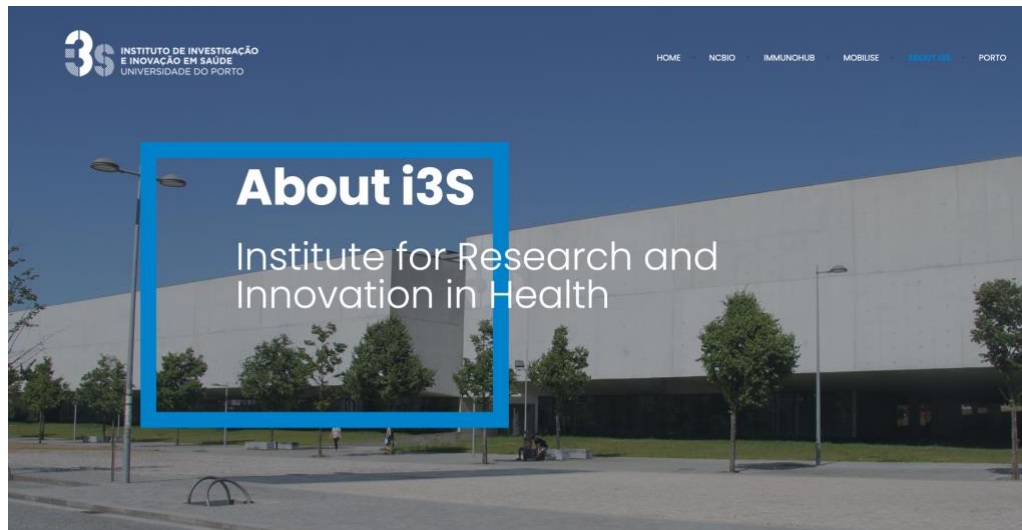
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ABOUT I3S

## an integrative institute inspiring people to design a healthier future

I3S – Instituto de Investigação e Inovação em Saúde, University of Porto

The I3S Association merges three institutes and researchers from several schools of the University of Porto (UPorto), thus consolidating an extensive collaboration between all institutions spanning many years.

The long-term collaboration between **IBMC**, **INEB** and **IPATMUP** – the three founding institutes of I3S – encompasses joint projects, co-supervision of PhD students, sharing of large equipment and employment of research staff under coordinated policies. Six schools of the UPorto (FMUP, ICBAS, FMDUP, FCUP, FEUP and FFUP) and three hospitals (CH S João, CH Porto and IPO) also contribute to the activities of I3S. This wide participation of schools, research institutions and hospitals in a research institute is unique in Portugal and it is a valuable asset for science and technology development, while creating an environment that feeds real breakthrough research and translation of discoveries into the clinic. The building where I3S is headquartered, still fairly fresh as it was completed in 2015, is also a key element in the creation of this vibrant environment.



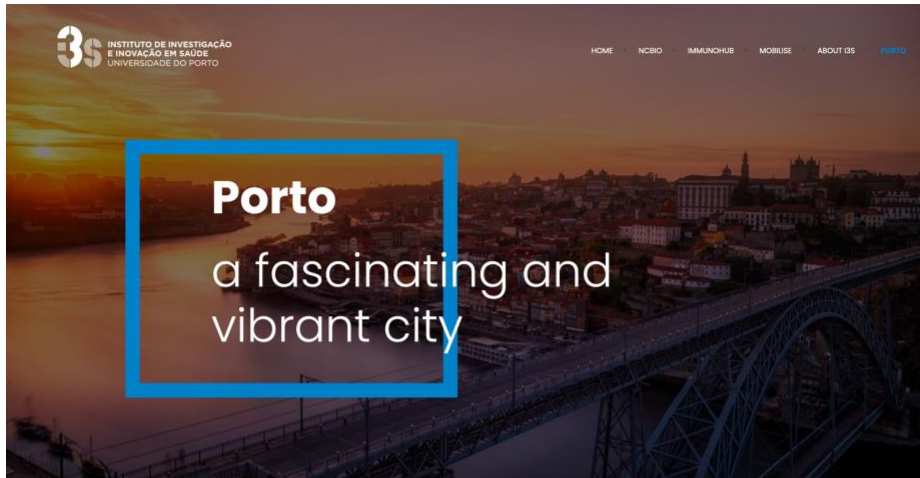

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European centres,  
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friendly people and  
delicious food**

Porto is Portugal's second largest city and the capital of the Northern region. Located along the Douro river estuary in northern Portugal, Porto is one of the oldest European centres. Its settlement dates back many centuries when it was an outpost of the Roman Empire. Its Latin name, *Portus Cale*, has been referred to as the origin for the name "Portugal".

