



Spes Immunotherapeutics (Spes) is a preclinical-stage biotech spin-off company from Hospital Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona, backed by ENISA and hosted at Cosymbio Barcelona, and at the Barcelona Biomedical Research Park (PRBB). Our mission is to improve the lives of children with cancer by developing precision immunotherapies, starting with a targeted therapeutic vaccine platform to prevent leukaemia relapse. Spes is the Winner of the i4KIDS Innovation Day Award 2025, Spes is growing rapidly and building its preclinical team. For more information, please visit <https://www.spesimmuno.com/>

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title	Junior Scientist
Role and functions	We are looking for a strongly motivated, dynamic and exceptional researcher PhD candidate in life sciences and experience with in vivo models in oncology. You will have a key role in advancing the products of our promising preclinical immunotherapy pipeline towards clinical trials. The candidate will: • Design and take responsibility for all animal work. • Set up and manage the company's in vivo capabilities at PRBB and at partner facilities. • Collaborate effectively with an extensive network of scientists and with the execution of several projects within the company. • Coordinate with CROs/collaborators for animal work done externally. • Work in coordination with the Chief Scientific Officer. • Develop cutting-edge cellular and immunological tools for our therapeutic vaccine, and cell therapy programmes, including culture conditions and scale-up feasibility at the preclinical and clinical stages. • Conduct independently in vitro and in vivo immunological analysis.
Qualification required	• PhD candidates with reasonable experience in industry, CROs or academia in scientific areas related to cancer animal models (haematological malignancies preferred). • An up-to-date "experimental animal certification" (A/B/C/D functions, ECC 566/2015) is an absolute must .
Experience required	• Scientific track record demonstrated with publications or patents. • Strong knowledge of experimentation with animal models and/or immunodeficient mice, and technical skills in general cell culture and molecular biology. • Experience in cell biology, molecular oncology, haematology and immunology.
Desirable experience	The following experience constitutes a qualification bonus: • Immuno-oncology and/or immunology. • Flow cytometry. • General cell culture of cell lines and primary cells.

	• Handling of primary human blood and bone-marrow samples. • Peptide-based vaccines, RNA technologies and/or viral vector production. • Paediatric leukaemia (ALL/AML) models. • In vitro and in vivo preclinical work for clinical trials and regulatory IMPD applications. • Basic understanding of GMP requirements for advanced therapies (ATMPs).
Key competencies	• Excellent oral and written communication skills. • Independence, leadership and technical troubleshooting. • Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work as part of a team. • Capacity to work under deadline pressure to meet the company's goals.
Languages	• English: fluent (written and oral). • Spanish and/or Catalan: a plus.
Salary	• Competitive salary based on qualifications and consistent with the company's pay scales (Junior Scientist).
Conditions	• An open-ended contract. • Selected candidates will receive specific training in those areas that require a higher level of expertise. • Target start date: Immediate
Location	• Barcelona Biomedical Research Park (PRBB), Dr. Aiguader 88, 08003 Barcelona. https://www.prbb.org/ • Cosymbio. Cr Dr. Roc Boronat 31 08005 Barcelona
Application procedure	• Please send your complete CV and a motivation letter (explaining why you are interested in this position) by 15 November 2026. • Applications should be sent to the CEO, Josep Ballesté (josep.balleste@spesimmuno.com). Please clearly state "SPES_Junior_Scientist_2026_your name" in the subject line. The pre-selection process will be based on qualifications and expertise. • Pre-selected candidates will be interviewed by the Chief Scientific Officer. Final candidates will also be evaluated by the CEO of the company.

Spes Immunotherapeutics is an equal-opportunity employer and values diversity. Personal data received will be processed solely for this selection process, in accordance with the GDPR.