The Department of Experimental Biology at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Porto (FMUP) welcomes applications for a Research Fellow position to work on the project ""Molecular mechanisms of chronic pain: an integrated approach based on genetically manipulated animal models" (FCT ref.: RECI/NEU-NMC/0138/2012), cofinanced by the Foundation for Science and Technology – FCT I.P. (PIDDAC) and the European Fund for Regional Development (FEDER) through "COMPETE – Programa Operacional Factores de Competitividade (POFC) do QREN" (COMPETE ref.: FCOMP-01-0124-FEDER-027483).

The work will focus on the identification and characterization of molecular mechanisms underlying chronic pain using suitable genetically manipulated mouse models. Applicants must hold a Master's degree in Biology, Biochemistry or related areas, and should have experience and expertise in cell culture, particularly culture and manipulation of mouse ES cells. Demonstrable experience in molecular biology techniques, namely production and/or manipulation of targeting vectors and other recombinant DNA techniques, is most desirable.

The applicant shall be highly motivated, capable of working independently, and able to understand and communicate easily in the English language.

Funding for this fixed-term position is available from 1 September 2013 (expected start date) until 31 August 2014 (12 months). The salary will be €980/month, according to the Research Grants Regulations of Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores.phtml.en).

Applicants should email a covering letter, full CV (including the names and contact details of two references), and habilitations certificate to drh@med.up.pt, or post them to:

Departamento de Recursos Humanos Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade do Porto Alameda Prof. Hernâni Monteiro 4200-319 Porto, Portugal.

Selected candidates will be invited for an interview. Closing date for applications: 8 July 2013 (inclusive).