

# Investigator - Biology

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## Summary

We are seeking a dedicated, creative, and skilled physiologist to study how the age-related decline of organ and tissue homeostasis, and associated changes in metabolism and endocrine systems cross-talk contribute to diseases of aging across the core therapeutic areas of Novartis including cardiometabolic/renal diseases, oncology and neurodegeneration.

You will join our global, dynamic, research environment to enable the discovery of new medicines addressing diseases of aging. Our vision is to pioneer the development of novel therapeutic approaches from an understanding of age as the biggest risk factor for age-related disease. The ideal candidate will have a strong physiology background, experience of human physiology and its back-translation to rodent model systems. As part of the Diseases of Aging and Regenerative medicine (DARe) Disease Area you will work across Physiology and In-vitro Science Units and have the opportunity to drive research on elucidating and targeting the molecular mechanisms underlying diseases of aging to develop regenerative pharmacological interventions for patients in areas of core interest to Novartis.

## About the Role

### Key responsibilities:

- Managing a small in vivo laboratory team, designing and conducting state-of-the-art *in-vivo* mouse and rat experiments in support of research to develop novel therapeutics for age-related diseases.
- Mentoring and career development of direct reports.
- Hands-on laboratory research including both in vivo and follow up ex vivo tissue and biofluid analyses applying a broad range of molecular and cellular techniques.
- Work at the interface between *in-vitro* biology, integrated pharmacology, data science, aging research and disease experts globally across Novartis Biomedical Research to deliver new and actionable therapeutic targets addressing diseases of aging, such as cardiometabolic/renal diseases and neurodegeneration.
- Develop and maintain state-of-the-art animal work, in particular focused on pathophysiological organ cross-talks during aging, loss of regenerative capacity, and extracellular matrix.
- Support the identification of biomarker candidates, elucidation of the mode of action of drugs and understanding of cross-talk across organs and disease trajectories.

### Essential Requirements:

- PhD and post-doctoral research in physiology and hands-on experience designing and conducting experiments with small rodents.
- LTK1, FELASA B or equivalent.

- Deep knowledge of human and animal physiology across organs, endocrine systems, metabolism and tissue homeostasis.
- Fluency in the handling and analysis of large datasets and integration of genomic, proteomic and metabolomic data into research.
- Highly motivated to learn more about diseases of aging and regenerative medicine.
- Proactive and dynamic attitude with a demonstrable inquisitive mindset and a proven ability to formulate, articulate, and critically evaluate scientific experiments.
- Excellent teamwork skills and aptitude to work and thrive in cross disciplinary teams. High learning agility and a desire to be up to date with the latest animal work.
- Fluency in written and oral English with excellent presentation skills.

**Desirable Requirements:**

- Knowledge about extracellular matrix and/or aging biology.
- Experience with CRISPR, CRISPR screens and/or proteomics.
- Experience in assessing mouse frailty and healthspan.

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