

Research Assistant
Department of Physiology & Neurobiology
University of Connecticut

A full-time Research Assistant position funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is immediately available in the Department of Physiology & Neurobiology at the University of Connecticut under the direction of Dr. Jianjun Sun. The candidate will participate in pharmacological screens to identify small compounds for non-hormonal contraceptive development using a *Drosophila* model. Duties will include: performing genetic crosses, dissecting *Drosophila* ovaries, carrying out pharmacological screening, and validating candidate hits with *Drosophila* ovulation assays.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's degree in genetics/biology or related discipline; at least one year's experience working in a research laboratory; the ability to perform tasks in a clean and organized fashion, to meet deadlines, and to communicate results

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Experience working with *Drosophila* and fine-motor skills for *Drosophila* dissection; good time management and problem solving-skills; strongly encourage newly graduated students to apply.

SALARY: Commensurate with qualification and experience.

TERM OF APPOINTMENT: Initial appointment is for six months and could be extended for two years or more upon satisfactory performance.

TO APPLY: For full consideration, please send a cover letter addressing how the candidate meets the qualifications, curriculum vitae and the names and email contacts of three professional references in a single pdf file to Dr. Jianjun Sun (Jianjun.sun@uconn.edu).

Employment of the successful candidate will be contingent upon the successful completion of a pre-employment criminal background check.

CLOSING DATE: Position open until filled.

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