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PhD Studentship in Hernia Repair

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for PhD studentships in hernia repair based at the Network of Excellence for Functional biomaterials (www.nfb.ie) at the National University of Ireland, Galway and at the premises of industrial and/or academic collaborators. The successful candidates will develop a functionalised collagen-based scaffold for hernia repair. This project is funded by the European Union Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-2013) under grant agreement number 263289 (Green Nano-Mesh).

Applicant specifications: Candidates should hold, or expect to obtain, a first class or upper second class honours BSc and/or MSc degree in a relevant biology-based subject and have a keen interest in pursuing pre-clinical research into hernia repair. Experience in one or more of the following would be advantageous, but is not essential as full training will be provided: cell culture techniques; biomaterials fabrication; protein extraction and purification; collagen analysis; immunohistochemistry; Western immunoblotting; RT-qPCR; *in vivo* models.

Start date: March 2012 or soon after that.

Full fees in addition to a stipend of 16,000 euros per annum will be provided.

Informal enquiries by e-mail to:

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To apply: Applicants are requested to submit:

- i) A covering letter explaining why you wish to pursue a PhD and why you are specifically interested in this project;
- ii) Full curriculum vitae including detailed University exam grades; and
- iii) Contact details of three referees, as e-mail attachments (Word or PDF format only) to nfb@nuigalway.ie quoting reference number “NFB – 04 – 12”.

Closing date for receipt of applications is 5.00 p.m. Friday 10th of February 2012.

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