

Training Opportunity for Portuguese Graduates

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| Ultramicrotome adaptation (Schwab Team_1) | EMBL Heidelberg/Germany |

Domain of activity and project

Adapt an ultramicrotome to an automated trimming tool for Electron Microscopy samples.

Required education

Programming (IT) will be essential and engineering or technical skills will be an advantage. In conjunction with the Schwab Team and the EMBL Mechanical Workshop, the graduate would work to programmatically control an ultramicrotome to perform a sequence of tasks that accurately ($<5\mu m$) trim a delicate sample. This is currently performed manually with a lot of input and feedback from the operator.

Knowledge, skills and any special requirements

The graduate would need to be able to understand problems in three dimensions and be able to apply solutions.

Training opportunity for the Graduates

The Schwab Team has a diversity of skills to share within the field of Electron Microscopy (EM) and Cell Biology. The team focuses on developing techniques to assist Correlative Light and Electron Microscopy (CLEM). The graduate would be involved in the everyday activities of this development whilst following their own complex project. Extensive practical and theoretical training on ultramicrotomy would be provided, including explanation of why it is important for EM.

Further information (website)

https://www.embl.de/research/units/cbb/schwab/index.html