The National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) conducts research in several areas of modern biology. Our groups interact closely with each other and with scientists outside NCBS. Details of NCBS’s research is available at our website.

To further strengthen interactions with scientists in other institutions, NCBS has started an interactive laboratory. The purpose of this laboratory is to provide quality facilities to short- and long-term visitors who wish to carry out collaborative projects with, or use the environment and facilities at NCBS to advantage in their research.

Visitors will be provided with space, equipment, supplies and other research resources.

The activities of this laboratory will be coordinated by two recently appointed senior visiting scientists, Prof. Veronica Rodrigues and Prof. Michael Bate.

**Visiting Scientists**

We wish to encourage scientists at any stage of their career to spend short or long sabbaticals at NCBS. We also encourage visits from scientists who wish to carry out their own independent projects in this laboratory. Potential visitors to the interactive laboratory should contact V. Rodrigues. Those wishing to do a sabbatical stint in any of the other NCBS laboratories should contact the person concerned.

**Post-doctoral Fellows**

In addition, Profs Bate and Rodrigues have available post-doctoral positions in areas of developmental neuroscience. They are looking for candidates interested in carrying out research for a period of three to five years in the investigation of neural or muscle development in *Drosophila*. Although they would like to recruit someone with experience in *Drosophila* embryology or genetics, an interest and enthusiasm for the project may be more important than specific qualifications.

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