

Fall in love with single-cell RNA-Seq

Win a Single-cell RNA-Seq Experiment on Valentine's Day

IGATech expertise, equipment and reagents are at the complete disposal of young scientists with brilliant ideas who want to leverage **single-cell RNA-Seq** technology to achieve outstanding results that will elevate their research to the next level.

If you are a scientist under **35 y/o**, operating in any field of research with an impact on human health, and have wondered how to perform an RNA-seq experiment with unprecedented resolution, apply to our contest and win a **full single-cell RNA-Seq experiment** (up to 2 samples) **including sequencing and preliminary bioinformatics**.

The contest is open for **researchers** all over the world.

To participate, simply complete the following form and submit it by January 31st 2021 (6PM CET) to info@igatechnology.com.

The winner will be published on **February 14th 2021** and will receive a direct contact by e-mail.

Please make sure that you read **Terms of the Contest** before proceeding.

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The participant must be under 35 y/o on the 31st of January 2021.

Application deadline is 31st January 2021, 6PM CET.

IGA Technology Services srl will provide a full service to the winner for a single-cell RNA-Seq experiment with 10X Genomics platform and Illumina sequencing. For fresh or frozen cells, up to two samples will be processed by cell-hashing technology in a single reaction; for methanol-fixed cells the reaction will only take a single sample.

Experiment is limited to a standard 3' transcriptomic analysis (no feature-barcoding, targeted gene expression or spatial transcriptomics).

Free sequencing will be covering a maximum of 2000 cells (50.000 reads/cell).

Application is exclusively considered if provided by the Participant Form, filled in all its parts.

Any Participant Form missing a mandatory field will be rejected.

One person can participate to the contest by means of a single application. A second application can be sent in substitution of the first. More than two Participant Form submissions will invalidate participation to the contest.

Specimen must be human cells, provided as either frozen, fresh or methanol fixed.

IGA Technology Services srl will provide counting and viability assessment to titrate cells; clean-up from debris and dead cells can be performed for cells that are not methanol fixed.

No dissociation of tissues or specific treatment will be performed by IGA Technology Services srl.

Samples must be available within 3 months from winner announcement, which will occur during the month of February.

IGA Technology Services has no responsibility on the outcome of the experiment nor the possibility to obtain relevant biological insights.

IGA Technology Services is not bound to conduct any custom bioinformatics analysis on request from the winner.

If library preparation or sequencing fails due to inappropriate sample condition, IGA Technology Services srl has the right to abandon the experiment without any further commitment.

The winner agrees that IGA Technology Services srl will publish his/her name, affiliation and scope of the experiment.

The winner agrees that IGA Technology Services srl will have the right to advertise on the scope of the experiment, type of applied methodology, its proceeding stages and general metrics of performance. Communication will be posted on several channels, including but not limited to newsletter, blog, and social media.

IGA Technology Service srl will not communicate to third parties or post any sensitive data on the biological insights obtained by the experiment, which will be maintained confidential to the winner.

Intellectual property of the data will be held solely by the participant, who will have right to publish the data on scientific journal without any limitation by IGA Technology Services srl.

Any contact for information request must be placed via info@igatechnology.com.

A committee of three PhD-level referees within IGA Technology Services will evaluate independently each proposal. A final score will be calculated by summing up all the scores from Participant Form's sections (scientific abstract, expected outcome of the experiment, type of provided material, relevant publications) and averaged across the three independent evaluators. The higher overall score will be proclaimed "the winner".

In case of a tie, priority will be given (in order of importance) to i) younger candidate, ii) those without previous publications on single-cell sequencing and iii) those with higher average impact factor on provided publications.

In case IGA Technology Services srl will not receive any reply from the award notice email in two weeks the next candidate in the score ranking will be selected and awarded.

In case of unavailability to provide samples, to set-up the experiment or refuse to continue with the experiment for any reason the prize will be assigned to the next candidate in the score ranking.