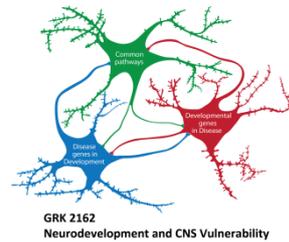


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**offers a Ph.D. position** to study the **role of the neurodevelopmental transcription factors Sox8 and Sox10 in susceptibility and repair in demyelinating diseases.**

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- *in vivo* model: myelin oligodendrocyte (MOG) induced experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis (EAE) in Sox8 KO and Sox10 conditional mice
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  - histopathological and ultrastructural analyses
- *in vitro* model: organotypic cerebellar slices to study the impact of Sox8/ Sox10 loss-of-function on remyelination
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