



Position Specification

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Vice President, Research

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POSITION TITLE:	Vice President, Research
REPORTING TO:	Chief Scientific Officer (CSO)
LOCATION:	Norwalk, CT
THE COMPANY:	Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF)

About the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF)

The mission of the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF) is to find a cure for multiple myeloma by relentlessly pursuing innovation that accelerates the development of next-generation treatments to extend the lives of patients. Founded in 1998 by Kathy Giusti, a multiple myeloma patient, and her twin sister Karen Andrews, as a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, the MMRF is a world-recognized leader in cancer research. Together with its partners, the MMRF has created the only end-to-end solution in precision medicine and the single largest genomic dataset in all cancers. The MMRF continues to disrupt the industry today, as a pioneer and leader at the helm of new research efforts. Since its inception, the organization has raised over \$400 million and directs nearly 90% of the total funds to research and related programs. www.themmr.org.

THE OPPORTUNITY

Position Overview:

The Vice President of Research is responsible for leading functional responsibility of the Multiple Myeloma Research Consortium (MMRC) research activities and implementing the MMRF/C's research strategic plan. These responsibilities include management of the landmark CoMMpass study and Early Access Programs (EAPs). This individual, in close consultation and collaboration with the CSO, VP Clinical Operations and as leader of the translational research team, will develop and implement the portfolio of research to ensure and in support of an appropriate mix of Phase I/II clinical trials, while incorporating the spectrum from the necessary validation and pre-clinical research necessary to enable attainment of regulatory and translational strategies and long-term organizational goals for drug development. This role requires a high-performing and energetic individual who demonstrates outstanding scientific knowledge and experience in oncology/hematology research and the highest personal and ethical standards.

Essential Functions:

- In close consultation with the CSO, oversee the MMRF and MMRC research strategy; develop, refine and implement a comprehensive research strategy that effectively deploys foundation resources. Identify gaps in MMRF/C's research programs for the advancement of scientific discovery and novel therapies in Multiple Myeloma.
- Oversee and manage the MMRC, as the senior MMRC staff, by working with the CSO, the VP Clinical Operations and the MMRC Steering Committee; this includes managing key relationships with each MMRC

site and all researchers; develop and implement the MMRC scientific strategy and operating plan, manage the annual budget, and managing the Steering Committee and sub-committees by providing leadership and oversight at the Steering Committee and Sub-Committee levels.

- Work continuously with the MMRC site researchers to ensure program advancement toward established goals; this includes setting and implementing meeting agendas and ensuring timely follow up, in collaboration with MMRC members, researchers, and in-house staff. Provides monthly and quarterly reporting of MMRC programs toward goals.
- Interface and partner with pharma and biotech companies and their respective departments including: R&D, Medical Affairs, Regulatory Affairs, Marketing, Sales, and B2B alliances.
- Rigorously apply and extend the metrics to track and characterize the effectiveness and value of MMRF/C business models applied to help accelerate and optimize scientific discovery for the multiple myeloma community.
- Lead the development and implementation of the publication strategy for the MMRF/C relating to all research programs including CoMMpass and MMRC-related research programs.
- Support the MMRF Development, Marketing and Operations group to ensure all aspects of research are aligned and work effectively. Lead effort in communicating progress, value, and results related to research to current potential donors as well as collaborators, partners, and associated 3rd parties.

Competencies:

- Exceptional project planning, leadership, negotiation and presentation skills as well as an ability to contribute creative yet practical solutions to problems.
- Extraordinary researching skills and expertise in searching medical literature and database for scientific and technical information.
- Ability to multi-task and manage several projects in parallel, paying attention to detail.
- Innovative leader with the ability to create new ideas around revenue generation in philanthropic based foundations.
- Ability to orchestrate strategic partnerships and collaborations between multiple parties.

Qualifications:

- Ph. D or equivalent degree in biomedical sciences, preferably with focus on translational research.
- Minimum of 5 - 8 years of biomedical research and drug development experience, including research staff management and budget authority.
- Experience leading and developing a team of research professionals who manage multiple projects at varying stages of development under time pressure.
- Deep knowledge related to oncology drug development and regulatory requirements.
- Deep knowledge of hemato-oncology, preferably multiple myeloma.
- Demonstrated excellent analytical, interpersonal, and written and oral communication skills. Ability to communicate effectively with scientists and with non-scientists.
- Ability to travel statewide and nationally/internationally as required.

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