Title: Chief Scientific Officer (CSO)
Reports to: Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Department: Research
Location: Norwalk, CT

MMRF OVERVIEW:

A pioneer in precision medicine, the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF) seeks to find a cure for all multiple myeloma patients by relentlessly pursuing innovations that accelerate the development of precision treatments for cancer. 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 has created the business model around cancer—from data to analytics to the clinic. The MMRF identifies barriers and then finds the solutions to overcome them, bringing in the best partners and aligning incentives in the industry to drive better outcomes for patients. Since its inception, the organization has collected thousands of samples and tissues, opened nearly 100 trials, helped bring 13 FDA-approved therapies to market, and built CoMMpass, the single largest genomic dataset for any cancer. Today, the MMRF is building on its legacy in genomics and is expanding into immune oncology, as the combination of these two fields will be critical to making precision medicine possible for all patients. The MMRF has raised nearly $500 million and directs nearly 90% of the total funds to research and related programs. To learn more, visit www.themmrf.org

The mission of the MMRF has always been to provide a cure for each and every patient. We know that multiple myeloma is different in every patient. Our goal is to generate and collect as much patient data as possible and make it available to researchers worldwide, to speed new discoveries and propel new clinical options for myeloma patients into the clinic as quickly as possible.

Position Overview: The Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF) is seeking an experienced, innovative, and collaborative scientific leader to serve as its Chief Scientific Officer. As a key member of the leadership team, the CSO will be instrumental in contributing to all aspects of the MMRF and its subsidiary companies, the Multiple Myeloma Research Consortium (MMRC) and the Myeloma Investment Fund (MIF), to accelerate a cure for each and every myeloma patient. The CSO will focus on the development, execution, and communication of the MMRF’s overall research strategy to drive scientific advances for myeloma patients.

Essential Functions:

- Drive the development and execution of the overall research strategy for the MMRF in pursuit of a cure for each and every myeloma patient.
- Identify areas of clinical and research unmet need and develop innovative research programs to address the needs of patients, researchers, and clinicians.
- Manage the evaluation and execution of all research programs and grants to ensure appropriate scientific review, study design, feasibility, regulatory guidance, project management, timelines, and budgets are met.
- Develop strategic partnerships with investigators, researchers, industry stakeholders, FDA or other government agencies to advance the MMRF’s scientific agenda and programs.
- Execute and convene necessary stakeholders for MMRF-sponsored scientific meetings, advisory groups, and roundtables to inform overall scientific strategy and advance critical research questions for patients.
• Evaluate scientific data for and provide scientific guidance to Myeloma Investment Fund and portfolio companies to inform investment decisions and advise on translational / clinical research plans to advance novel therapies for myeloma patients.
• Develop and execute scientific communications plan to support all research initiatives which may include written publications, submissions to scientific meetings, oral presentations, etc.
• Stay up-to-date regarding advancements in all aspects of scientific medical research in myeloma and adjacent disciplines and provide regular guidance to the broader MMRF organization on implications for current and future research initiatives.
• Manage and mentor the MMRF research staff to ensure all strategic and operational goals are met.
• Collaborate effectively with all MMRF departments, including Clinical, Informatics, Myeloma Investment Fund, Education, Alliance Management, Marketing, Development, Finance, Legal, etc. to ensure alignment and efficient execution of research initiatives.
• Develop and manage overall research department operational plans and budget to ensure sound fiscal operation and program management of research initiatives.
• Develop, maintain and comply with the organization's research policies and procedures; comply with all applicable laws and regulations; and adhere with codes of ethical principles and standards of professional conduct for research executives.

Qualifications:
• Ph.D. required in a clinical and/or research discipline, preferred training in myeloma, hematology, and/or oncology
• 10+ years of experience in industry, academia, and/or non-profit research organizations preferred
• Proven record of strategic research leadership, including the ability to drive innovative, collaborative, and interdisciplinary research programs and partnerships with multiple stakeholders
• Excellent people manager and mentor of scientific staff to build high-performing teams
• Exceptional written and verbal communication skills to scientific, patient, and lay audiences
• Ability to thrive in an entrepreneurial, fast-paced, solution-oriented, and highly collaborative environment

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