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Vice President Experimental Clinical Research

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Our client is a privately-funded, not-for-profit biomedical research organization devoted to a single disease – Huntington’s disease (HD). Their mission is to develop drugs that will slow the progression of HD and provide meaningful clinical benefit to patients. They are a “science first” organization; with foremost consideration to do the best science as quickly and efficiently as possible.

The clinical unit oversees a portfolio of clinical research projects aimed at understanding the natural progression and pathophysiological basis of HD, developing the best biomarkers and outcome measures for use in clinical trials, finding ways to expedite and improve the execution of clinical trials, paving relevant regulatory pathways, and working with external partners to support their clinical development plans.

The clinical unit engages a diverse array of partners to develop this portfolio, including academic institutions, government agencies, contract research organizations (CROs), biotech and pharmaceutical companies and encompasses three interconnected teams; platform, partnering and experimental clinical research. The experimental clinical research team is responsible for internally-initiated studies and interventional trials, including a growing portfolio of experimental medicine and biomarker studies.

We seek an experienced physician scientist and effective manager to lead the experimental clinical research team within the clinical unit.

The VP Experimental Clinical Research will work on an interdisciplinary basis with internal colleagues (scientific, legal and financial) and a wide range of external collaborators (physicians, academic institutions, CROs, and biotech and pharmaceutical companies) on all aspects of research and development efforts. In particular, the VP Experimental Clinical Research will work closely with the internal preclinical unit to design and implement studies that evaluate critical preclinical findings in human research participants.

Job Responsibilities:

The VP Experimental Clinical Research will be expected to lead, manage and mentor the Science Directors and Program Managers on his or her team and work closely with other VPs and Science Directors on other clinical teams and in the preclinical unit to:

- Define, in coordination with the CCO, the strategy for the experimental clinical research teams using his or her medical, scientific research and managerial expertise to decide on the best/feasible technical opportunities in the face of knowledge gaps;
- Implement the defined strategy of the experimental clinical research team
- Contribute to the development of the strategies of the other clinical teams
- Oversee the execution of experimental clinical research projects in compliance with the Foundation policies. This includes the overseeing the development, documentation and execution of clinical study and trial plans
- Provide leadership, direction, and coaching to the Science Directors and Program Managers of the experimental clinical research team

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- Anticipate areas of risk, and plan and implement solutions to mitigate these risks in collaboration with CCO
- Demonstrate a collegial, collaborative interpersonal style and an ability to implement inclusive approaches that foster engagement and achieves alignment across diverse constituencies; and establish and maintain strong relationships with key stakeholders and partners in external collaborative efforts (universities, government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, pharma/biotech companies).

Qualifications:

- An advanced degree (MD or MD/PhD) in a relevant field (eg, neurology or psychiatry); and Relevant postdoctoral experience a plus.
- 8+ years hands-on experience with early stages of drug development (phase I and II).
- Neurodegenerative diseases and/or movement disorders experience preferred
- Experience with GCP/ICH guidelines and best practices in clinical research and development. Movement Disorders and Neurodegenerative diseases experiences preferred
- Demonstrated leadership, managerial and communication skills, including mentoring others.
- The successful candidate will be a team player possessing a sense of urgency to develop effective treatments for HD, and have the ability and interest to travel to engage external collaborators and colleagues.