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Vice President of Research and Development

CIRM

The mission of CIRM is to support and advance stem cell research and regenerative medicine under the highest ethical and medical standards for the discovery and development of cures, therapies, diagnostics and research technologies to relieve human suffering from chronic disease and injury.

Position Summary

The Vice President of Research and Development (VP-R&D) will be a key member of CIRM's senior management team who will report to and partner with the President to lead CIRM and meet the biomedical goals of the Institute. The Institute funds basic, pre-clinical, clinical, and translational science to generate new knowledge that will push the field forward toward therapies and cures. The VP-R&D will focus on identifying strategic opportunities and challenges and developing action plans to fulfill the mission of the Institute.

Reporting Structure

The VP-R&D will report to the President. The VP-R&D will oversee the basic science and translational to clinical program and partner with the Executive Director of Scientific Activities to support and empower the science team.

Duties and Responsibilities

Primary Scientific Duties

- Reports to and supports the President of CIRM in carrying out CIRM's scientific mission and works closely with the President and Vice President of Operations to provide the leadership for the Institute.
- Oversee the preclinical and clinical development phases of CIRM's programs and projects involving not-for-profit and for-profit teams, including assembling and working closely with CIRM advisory committees to provide oversight of these programs and make go/no go recommendations to the President for continuation of CIRM support.
- Works closely with biotechnology, pharmaceutical and investment sectors to enable and enhance the development of clinical applications in CIRM's scientific portfolio.
- Oversees the CIRM research and development program in close collaboration with the Executive Director of Scientific Activities.
- Integrates basic discoveries where possible into the translational and preclinical pipeline and identifies gaps in CIRM's scientific program for delivery of cell therapies and related products.
- Develops and implements strategies to aid clinical applications such as in the critical areas of manufacturing, drug and cell product safety and efficacy.
- Provide strategic scientific/clinical direction into the development of action plans to advance CIRM's scientific and technical goals and design of new Requests for Applications (RFAs) and Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to

address strategic scientific priorities and needs in collaboration with the President, Executive Director of Scientific Activities and other executive staff members at CIRM.

Administrative Duties

- Chairs a program and meetings with biotechnology, pharmaceutical and investment representatives interested in furthering CIRM's mission.
- Holds regular meetings with key representatives of California's research community discussing key issues relating to CIRM's mission and keeps abreast of basic stem cell biology and challenges for CIRM in this area.
- Primary interface with national and international regulatory organizations such as the Food and Drug Administration and National Institutes of Health.
- Represents CIRM in national and international stem cell research collaborations and agreements as required.
- Reports to CIRM Executive Committee at regular weekly meetings on key aspects of CIRM's scientific mission and progress towards achieving the scientific goals.
- Represents and speaks for the President and the Institute in public forums, and represents CIRM externally at key scientific conferences, public meetings and with patient advocacy groups in other venues as required.
- Partners with the President in recruiting an exceptional team of leading scientific and medical innovators to serve on the Institute's working groups and advisory committees.

Qualifications

- M.D. and/or Ph.D. degree or equivalent in biomedical sciences and completion of an internship (M.D.) or post-doctoral fellowship (Ph.D.) with substantial experience in the field of biomedicine.
- Strong background and/or broad understanding of the stem cell field, translational medicine and clinical development.
- Significant relevant work experience in managing research, or research funding in academia, industry or government, ideally in a multi-disciplinary and publicly visible environment.
- Experience managing or developing teamwork collaborations between academic research institutions and industry.
- Demonstrated ability to manage multiple projects at varying stages of development under time pressure.
- Ability to think strategically, work collaboratively and use a consultative approach to problem solving and decision-making.
- Demonstrated excellent analytical, interpersonal, and written and oral communication skills. Ability to communicate effectively with scientists and with non-scientists.
- Ability to work with flexibility, efficiency, enthusiasm, and diplomacy in a team environment with other dedicated professionals in a rapidly advancing work environment.
- Ability to travel statewide, and nationally/internationally as required.

Preferences

- A background in translating research into the clinic, the design/conduct/oversight of clinical trials and/or the development of successful therapies or relevant biotechnology.
- Working knowledge of regulatory guidelines and public policy statutes affecting therapeutic developments.
- Experience in system modeling for adapting research developments to commercialization and/or clinical application.
- Experience relevant to cell therapies.

Application Process

Interested candidates please submit:

- Cover letter
- CV/Resume
- California State application at <http://www.spb.ca.gov/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=1814>
to: jobs@cirm.ca.gov, 210 King Street San Francisco, CA 94107.

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