

Managing Director – Head of EB Research Institute

Role Description

As the Managing Director and Head of EB Research Institute, your primary responsibility would be to bridge the gap between basic scientific research and the expansion of the pre-clinical portfolio of drug candidates related to EB. This involves leading a team of scientists and medical professionals who work together to translate promising discoveries from the laboratory into clinical candidates and ultimately, IND submissions.

Your role would require a deep understanding of the latest developments in the field of rare disease drug development as well as an ability to design and oversee preclinical and eventually clinical studies that will evaluate the safety and efficacy of novel therapeutic options. You would also need to collaborate with a range of stakeholders, including academic researchers, pharmaceutical companies, regulatory agencies, and patient advocacy groups.

In addition to managing the translational medicine team, you would likely be responsible for developing and maintaining relationships with external partners, managing budgets for research projects, and communicating the results of your team's work to a variety of audiences, including the board of directors, donors, clinicians, and patients. Overall, the Managing Director and Head of EB Research Institute plays a critical role in advancing scientific discoveries from the laboratory into real-world solutions that can offer novel options for patients with unmet medical needs.

The successful candidate will work closely with the board members of DEBRA Austria, managing the company's resources, including personnel, finances, and equipment. This will involve developing budgets, allocating resources, and managing risks from a program point of view.

Key Responsibilities

- Oversee the company's operational processes, identifying areas for improvement, and implementing changes to improve efficiency and effectiveness.
- Provide strategic leadership and direction for the institute, including overseeing all aspects of operations and managing a high-performing team.
- Build and maintain strong relationships with key stakeholders, including donors, HCPs, academic groups, industry organisations, advocates, and policymakers.
- Drive business development efforts, including identifying and evaluating potential partnerships.
- Foster a culture of innovation, collaboration, and accountability within the company
- Ensure compliance with all relevant laws, regulations, and industry standards
- Manage the institute's financial resources to ensure long-term sustainability and growth
- Represent the organisation to the broader biotech industry, scientific community, and other relevant stakeholders
- Provide scientific leadership and vision for the company's research and development efforts.

- Lead and manage a team of scientists and research staff, fostering a culture of innovation, collaboration, and scientific excellence.
- Establish and execute a comprehensive research strategy, including target identification, lead optimization, pre-clinical development, and regulatory submissions.
- Develop and maintain relationships with key opinion leaders, academic collaborators, and external partners to advance our scientific capabilities.
- Manage the institute's intellectual property portfolio, including patent strategy, filings, and licensing activities.
- Ensure that research activities are aligned with business objectives and regulatory requirements.
- Represent the institute at scientific conferences and regulatory interactions.

Qualifications

- PhD or MD in a relevant scientific discipline with at least 10 years of experience in the biotech/pharmaceutical industry.
- Experience bridging the gap between academia and industry
- Demonstrated experience in scientific leadership roles, including managing and developing high-performing research teams.
- Strong understanding of the drug discovery and development process, including preclinical and clinical research, and regulatory requirements.
- Proven track record of successful drug development and IND approvals.
- Experience in intellectual property management, including patent strategy, filings, and licensing.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to effectively collaborate with cross-functional teams, external partners, and stakeholders.
- Strong commitment to ethics, integrity, and social responsibility
- Entrepreneurial mindset and ability to thrive in a fast-paced, dynamic environment.

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