

CLINICAL VENTURE DIRECTOR

Barcelona, 32-40 hours/week

EATRIS, the European Research Infrastructure for Translational Medicine is one of the leading permanent European infrastructures for life sciences. The infrastructure provides access to excellent academic expertise and facilities across Europe to accelerate early medicine development and advance promising medical research for the benefits of patients. EATRIS is active in the preclinical and very early clinical phases of the development of medicines, diagnostics and vaccines.

EATRIS is a non-profit membership organisation involving fourteen European countries and comprising the scientific capacity of 115 leading academic and non-profit biomedical research institutions. EATRIS collaborates with a wide range of users and stakeholders, including academia, SME and large pharma/biotech, as well as patient organisations and research funding organisations.

The EATRIS Coordination and Support Office is based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and comprises a multi-disciplinary team of 25 highly motivated colleagues. More information can be found here: www.eatris.eu Please note that this position will be based in Barcelona, Spain.

Job Description

The Innovative Medicines Initiative funded EU-PEARL project (<https://eu-pearl.eu/>), which ends in April 2023, is developing a comprehensive framework and set of resources for the design and conduct of Integrated Research Platforms (IRPs) and cross-company platform clinical trials. EATRIS is co-coordinator of this project. See www.eu-pearl.eu

We are seeking an ambitious and capable professional with an entrepreneurial spirit to lead us towards the final objectives of the project of creating a permanent non-profit venture. Working with management and project partner, you will harness the outputs of more than €24million in public and private investments to create a sustainable entity, finalising more than 2 years of preparatory work. Tentatively called the Institute for Platform Trials, this single, trusted, neutral organisation for collaborative platform trials that specialises in the design and setup of platform clinical trials in any disease area, aims to revolutionise clinical research in Europe and beyond. This entity is envisaged to be established in Barcelona, in cooperation with several consortium partners, including Barcelona-based Vall d'Hebron Research Institute (VHIR). The position is therefore foreseen to be based in Barcelona.

Central to the success of this initiative is acquiring the right expertise in clinical operations who can enable and enhance the development of multi-company, platform clinical trials through the provision of the necessary tools, procedures, expertise and services – combined with expertise in business development and setting up of new organizations

The Clinical Venture Director will be responsible for

1. leading the development and delivery of a business and operations plan for the independent Institute for Platform Trials, and helping to ensure its implementation with buy-in from academic and industry collaborators;
2. leading the development and delivery of 4 business plans for the platform trials that are being designed by each of the 4 disease specific work packages of EU-PEARL. This will be done in collaboration with team members coming from academic and industry partners in EU-PEARL;
3. Risk management activities for the project and the consortium;
4. Provide meaningful input into tools and deliverables that are being developed for platform clinical trials, particularly around clinical operations.
5. Working closely with Consortium members to establish viable permanent operations.

The ultimate goal for this role is to play an instrumental role in establishing an independent entity focused on creating and delivering platform trials in any disease context. Upon successful establishment of the potential Institute, there will be an opportunity to join the Institute in a leadership position.

The Clinical Venture Director will report to EATRIS CEO. He or she will work closely with the Executive and Steering Committees of the project and the science and operational teams at EATRIS, as well as with a pan European consortium of medical centres, academic institutions and industry partners.

Profile

The ideal candidate will have the following characteristics:

- MSc or PhD in life sciences, or advanced degree in business related discipline with experience in clinical R&D
- Minimum of 8-10 years in clinical operations in CRO and/or pharmaceutical industry
- Experience in business strategy, preferably in a life sciences field
- Experience in managing Phase II- Phase III studies;
- Experience in running early stage / start-up operations would be a great asset;
- Strong organisational skills, attention to detail and the ability to manage multiple priorities and produce accurate and timely work in a highly regulated environment;
- Ability to effectively work individually, within a multi-disciplinary team and with external vendors, partners and clinicians;
- Ability to understand and interact outside of your disciplinary domain, in areas including business, finance, intellectual property and regulatory affairs;
- Fluent in written and spoken English;
- Self-motivated, service-oriented, flexible, yet able to prioritise and meet agreed deadlines;
- Excellent communication and presentation skills, verbally and in writing; comfortable communicating with senior staff at other organisations ;
- Ability to work independently.

The package

- Fast-paced, multicultural environment;
- Competitive remuneration package;
- A broad European network of biomedical researchers and innovation experts;
- A vast trove of intellectual outputs and public-private network upon which to build a world leading non-profit venture in advanced clinical trials;
- Opportunity to develop strategic and leadership skills.

Application process

The position is based in Barcelona, Spain. Only candidates with a valid work permit or who have the right to work in Spain will be considered.

Please submit by email your CV and a letter of motivation in English by **15 April 2022** to benlydall@eatris.eu. Please note that a reference check is part of the selection process. If you have any questions about this vacancy, please contact Anton Ussi: antonussi@eatris.eu.
Expected start: June 2022 or earlier.