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Director of Competitive Research Area

Competitive Research Area

VHIR is looking for an experienced **Director of the Competitive Research Area**. The Competitive Research Area embraces an international unit (composed of 16 professionals) and a national unit (composed of 14 professionals), and has the mission of attracting and managing competitive funds/resources, accompanying researchers throughout the whole process of competitive funding (pre- and post-award), and guaranteeing compliance with the projects' scientific and economic milestones, therefore, contributing to the VHIR's national and international positioning and the institutional strategy and sustainability.

In recent years, VHIR's activity in the Competitive Research Area has positioned the institution as an international referent centre. In 2022, a total of 111 national projects, 27 international projects and 75 competitive Human Resources grants were awarded to the VHIR and its researchers, increasing the number of active projects to more than 470. The Competitive Research Area also centralizes and coordinates the management of national and international projects creating new alliances and leveraging the existing ones such as the European University Hospital Alliance (EUHA), the European Infrastructure for Translational Medicine (EATRIS) and the European Clinical Research Infrastructure (ECRIN) amongst others.

The selected candidate will be responsible for the management of this Area, actively contributing to positioning the Institute as a world referent in Biomedical Research.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Education and qualifications:

Required:

- University Degree, preferably in Life sciences
- Specific training in project management
- Proven excellent communication skills in English, both verbal and written

Desirable:

- Doctoral degree preferred
- Knowledge in languages other than English and Spanish



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- Postgraduate Studies in Leadership will be a plus

Experience and knowledge:

- Minimum of 7 years' experience working in project management within the scientific and biotechnological environment
- Excellent knowledge and understanding of the national and international research funding programmes
- Proven successful experience in project management
- Experience in scientific management and/or strategy, with projects of high complexity
- Proven track record in ability to raise, initiate/manage cross-functional teams and multi-disciplinary projects

Competences:

- Team management and leadership
- Confident and assertive attitude
- Fair degree of personal/professional maturity
- Excellent organisation and planning skills
- Quality/Results orientation
- Negotiation and management skills
- Flexibility and proactivity
- Strong communication skills

Main responsibilities and duties:

- Define the VHIR's Competitive Research Area strategy, in collaboration with the top management of the institution.
- Lead the definition and implementation of the Institute' strategies for participation in research-grant funding (EU Horizon Europe, US NIH, National and international Charities and Foundations amongst others).
- Design and plan the Area's objectives, monitoring its activity and directly reporting to the executive board.



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- Lead, coordinate and supervise the National and International projects' units.
- Proactively coordinate and promote the search and identification of international research funding programmes, search for partners, and participation in international research forums, networks and decision bodies.
- Proactively design, plan and coordinate the execution of VHIR promotional activities, sessions, and networking events related to research activity.
- Define and monitor metrics and indicators of the Area.

Labour conditions:

- Full time position: 40h/week
- Starting date: ASAP
- Gross annual salary: Salary is commensurate with qualifications and consistent with our Collective Agreement pay scales
- Contract: Permanent

What can we offer?

- Incorporation to Vall d'Hebron Research Institute (VHIR), a public sector institution that promotes and develops the biomedical research, innovation and teaching at Vall d'Hebron University Hospital (HUVH), the biggest hospital of Barcelona and the largest of Catalan Institute of Health (ICS).
- A scientific environment of excellence, highly dynamic, where high-end biomedical projects are continuously developed.
- Continuous learning and a wide range of responsibilities within a stimulating work environment.
- Personal training opportunities.
- Flexible working hours.
- 23 days of holidays + 9 personal days.
- Flexible Remuneration Program (including dining checks, health insurance, transportation and more)
- Corporate Benefits: platform through which you can obtain significant discounts on travel, culture, technology, gastronomy, sports... among many others.



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- Healthy Offering: choose from a variety of wellbeing focused activities to be the healthiest you.

How to apply:

Applicants should submit a full Curriculum Vitae and a cover letter with the reference “*Director Competitive Research Area*” to the following email addresses: seleccio@vhir.org

Deadline to apply: **30-06-2023**



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