

CEPI is looking for a Program Manager, Biological standards, assays, and animal models, located in the Vaccine Science team in Oslo, Norway. If you are interested in joining the CEPI team and think you have the appropriate qualifications for this role, please read the detailed job description below and follow the instructions for applying.

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OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the CEPI Vaccine Science Team is to facilitate accelerated development of CEPI's vaccine candidate portfolio to fulfil the primary strategic objective of CEPI. The team works in close collaboration with the Vaccine Development Team. This will encompass mapping knowledge or research gaps and working with external stakeholders to identify solutions and implement programs which address these. The team will ensure that scientific advice, innovation on vaccine evaluation and public health needs are integrated with product development.

The Program Manager, Biological standards, assays and animal models, will be responsible for oversight and management of projects enabling development of CEPI's portfolio of vaccine candidates and platform technologies.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Program oversight and management of partnership projects for developing standards, assays, and animal models for Lassa, MERS and Nipah, ensuring that projects are delivered within the defined scope, time, and cost constraints
- Monitor progress of partnerships to ensure standards and assays are available for vaccine development projects, to allow comparability of immunology endpoints and facilitate eventual regulatory approval
- Establish adequate linkages with external key stakeholders such as the WHO, national regulatory agencies, vaccine development partners and the research community
- Facilitate accelerated vaccine development by integrating new standards and assays with the Vaccine Development Team, and participate in Joint Management Committees in collaboration with vaccine development partners
- Organize and facilitate external technical discussions with experts in public and private sector to map scientific gaps, develop new concepts or generate scientific consensus to facilitate advancement of priority vaccines
- Create impactful partnerships with other organizations specializing in biological standardization with the goal to enable accelerated vaccine development response during outbreaks
- Contribute to serving as scientific secretariat to the CEPI working group and task forces on biological standards, assays and animal models
- Conduct efficient, productive and diplomatic communication with relevant internal and external stakeholders

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

This is an ideal opportunity for someone who can demonstrate:

- MD or PhD in life sciences or biological sciences and a minimum of 5 years of relevant experience in complex vaccine development projects in a multi-disciplinary, global environment
- Experience in contributing to technical specifications, technology development and target-disease adaptation for antigens and immunological assays, subsequent qualification, validation and interpretation of results
- Experience in design and interpretation of animal studies in vaccine development, animal-model development and toxicology, understanding of the constraints of studies conducted in high-containment settings
- Ability to efficiently review, evaluate and draft scientific publications and complex technical documents, including communication with regulators
- Strong planning and tracking skills, able to see the big picture, well-organized, focused on results, capable of managing multiple projects, excellent time and self-management
- Strong interpersonal skills, team player with ability to lead projects, able to work in different cultural environments and interact with regulators, academia and industry. Experience of collaborating with developing countries desirable

- Excellent command / highly proficient in spoken and written English. French language skills is an appreciated asset
- Solid computer literacy with standard software packages, e.g. Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint & Word
- High level of personal integrity

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

- Will be required to travel internationally on a frequent basis

WHAT WE CAN OFFER YOU

- Experience from the international effort on developing vaccines against EIDs and accelerating vaccine development response to outbreaks
- An exciting job opportunity at a newly established international organisation focusing on funding and facilitating vaccine development
- Attractive private pension arrangements
- Competitive salary

HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in being considered for this position, please send your Curriculum Vitae along with a covering email / letter to jobs@cepi.net by midnight (CEST) on Monday 17 September 2018.

If you have any questions about the position, please email Gunnstein.norheim@cepi.net