



Specialty Care Division of AstraZeneca

7389 - Director, Oncology Cambridge

MedImmune seeks an exceptionally strong individual to join their Oncology Research team in Cambridge, UK. This is a strategic position with responsibilities that are of major significance to the success of the Oncology portfolio. MedImmune's oncology research team consists of approximately 85 people roughly divided equally between Cambridge, UK and Gaithersburg, MD, USA. The Oncology Research Group in Cambridge consists of 2 teams each led by a Director. A vacancy has arisen to replace one of those Directors.

Reporting to the VP Oncology Research who is based in the US, the incumbent will lead a team of approximately 20 people consisting of scientists, technicians and post-docs. Importantly the successful candidate will bring substantial research experience in tumour-immunology and be a well-respected and recognised scientist in academia and/or bio-pharmaceutical industry. The primary responsibility of the Oncology Research Group is to bring new and innovative science that can lead to the development of new immune-therapies. The group addresses basic science including investigating new mechanisms/pathways, validation of targets and further in-vivo and in-vitro validation of models and determining mode of action.

Major Duties and Responsibilities:

- Providing scientific, operational and strategic leadership for Oncology Research activities at MedImmune, Cambridge.
- Bringing cell and molecular immunology expertise to the development of novel cancer therapeutics as well as providing scientific and managerial leadership for cross-functional teams. Direct responsibility for managing and mentoring scientists and teams, ensuring appropriate resourcing for work plans and projects.
- Using scientific knowledge and expertise to review and support key investment decisions and provide guidance to the Oncology governance committees for project progression.
- Implementation of strategies to ensure a sustainable Oncology Research pipeline.
- Establishing and maintaining innovation and capability in complex models of disease, with a particular focus on tumour immunology.
- Promoting awareness of the competitive environment and helping to build MedImmune's external presence in key areas of research.
- Providing clear communication of results with conclusions and recommendations to key stake holders and preparing documents and reports for internal governance committees and regulatory agencies, including INDs.
- Establishing and managing external collaborations; and contributing to assessment of external business alliance and in-licensing opportunities.

This senior and highly visible position within the MedImmune organisation requires an experienced oncology research professional whose qualities and experience include the following parameters.

Education:

Your career will be built on a strong academic background. With a PhD or MD/PhD qualification and with excellent interpersonal and communication skills the incumbent will have a proven track record in tumour-immunology, preferably in aspects of innate immunology and/or immune suppressive components in the tumour microenvironment.

Experience & Skillset

A thought leader in Immuno-Oncology;

- Strong understanding of developing drugs within the field of Immuno-Oncology is a plus.
- Strong understanding of the cellular processes underlying cancer.
- Strong background in understanding, elucidating and manipulating the immune system in various solid and hematologic oncology settings.
- Experience and familiarity of cell-based assays and models with industry-standard techniques.
- Target Identification and Target Validation experience would be advantageous.
- Experience of developing data packages suitable for supporting IND filings would be beneficial.
- Able to demonstrate strong mentoring skills to scientists as well as postdocs.
- Proven ability to lead innovative research and the validation of novel targets.
- A strong background of in vitro and in vivo experimentation and functional assay development is essential.
- Experience of championing and guiding projects from inception to candidate drug.
- Ability to prioritise and clearly define those priorities to others and monitor progress.
- Motivated to work in a fast paced and highly collaborative environment.
- Leadership and Line management expertise are essential to the post with evidence of developing a strong team ethic.

Visit the MedImmune career portal (<https://www.medimmune.com/careers>) using reference 7389

Competitive remuneration and company benefits apply.

Closing date for submissions – 30th Nov 2015



Come work with us!

Tenure Track Faculty

The Department of Brain & Cognitive Sciences (BCS) (<http://bcs.mit.edu>) at MIT is looking to hire up to five (5) tenure-track faculty at the assistant professor level. Affiliations with the Picower Institute for Learning & Memory and the McGovern Institute for Brain Research are possible. We are most excited about candidates who work in one or more of the following four (4) areas:

i. Computational and theoretical approaches to neuroscience and cognition. Possible areas of focus include but are not limited to: statistics and data science, neural circuits, neural population representations and transformations, and cognitive processes. Candidates with the ability to build bridges across empirical domains are especially attractive. An affiliation with Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS), the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL), Institute for Data, Systems, and Society (IDSS), or other allied departments is possible.

ii. Systems neuroscience in non-human animals. The ideal candidate would be driven by computational questions and ideas from human cognition, with the goal of reverse engineering the underlying neural representations and processes using tools that allow access to multiple brain regions.

iii. Cognitive neuroscience in humans, especially if the candidate's work bridges levels of analysis using a variety of methods including MRI, MEG, fMRI, theoretical modeling, genetics and reverse engineering approaches.

iv. Human cognition using behavioral methods, especially in the areas of language and/or cognitive development.

Successful applicants are expected to develop and lead independent, internationally competitive research programs and to share in our commitment to excellence in undergraduate and graduate education by teaching courses and mentoring graduate and undergraduate students. PhD must be completed by start day of employment and some postdoctoral training is preferred.

Please submit application materials – cover letter, CV, statement of research and teaching interests and representative reprints – online at <https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/5972>. Please state research area in cover letter. To help direct the application, applicants should indicate which of the four areas listed above is their main research area by answering the mandatory questions included in the application. In addition, please arrange to have three letters of recommendation submitted online. Review of applications will begin on October 31, 2015.

MIT is an affirmative action employer, and we encourage applications from women and underrepresented minorities.

<http://web.mit.edu>