

LifeArc

Principal Project Manager
Stevenage

LifeArc is an independent life science medical research charity committed to improving positive patient outcomes everywhere. As a champion for human health, LifeArc partners with academic, biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and charity organisations to move promising medical research forward into viable and accessible patient treatments. As a charity we are self-funded, re-investing our incomes from developed drugs & diagnostics to support translating research from the bench to patient.

Job summary

We require a highly experienced Principal Project Manager who will be responsible for the management, strategic implementation and successful completion of scientific or technical research projects and programmes within LifeArc.

The role requires deep knowledge and technical understanding of early drug discovery (from target selection to development candidate delivery) and/or antibody engineering, coupled with extensive cross-functional project management experience from the project to the portfolio level. We are particularly interested in candidates with experience of leading projects within a research environment.

The role:

In this role, you will be part of a dynamic multidisciplinary team in LifeArc's Centre for Therapeutics Discovery (CTD) based in Stevenage, focused on both biologic and small molecule research. You will be responsible for coordinating efforts related to the Centre's growing and evolving therapeutic discovery capabilities. You will act as key business partner to the Executive Director Drug Discovery, and work closely with our project leaders and research scientists, ensuring research strategy is translated into achievable operational plans and that project activities are delivered to the highest quality standards and within agreed timelines and budget.

To be considered for this role you must have the following experience;

- Substantial experience and technical understanding in early development and / or discovery research within the life-sciences industry.
- Experience with both small molecule and antibody-based drug discovery particularly desirable.
- Educated to at least BSc degree in Life Science subject.
- Prior Biopharma experience (6-10 years)
- Formal qualification in project management, Project Management Professional (PMP) certification preferred.

Who you are:

You must be able to demonstrate experience and technical understanding within the life-sciences industry. You will have the proven ability to critically and objectively interpret and evaluate scientific and business-related information, and challenge assumptions. You will have extensive knowledge and application of project management systems and tools. You will have experience of managing strategic alliances with external partners.

You will possess excellent planning and organising skills with ability to set clear expectations, drive accountability and the tenacity to drive projects to conclusion. You will have excellent communication, negotiation and interpersonal skills as well as the ability to influence without authority in a matrix environment. You will be confident in presenting to different audiences including senior management. You will be able to right size the project management tool set to meet requirements of exceptional portfolio delivery without over engineering processes and requirements.

Salary:

Your salary will be determined by qualifications and experience. In addition, LifeArc offers a defined contribution pension scheme, private health insurance, a flexible benefits scheme, 31 days paid holiday per year.

LifeArc is committed to the principles and practices of equal opportunities and to encouraging the establishment of a diverse workforce. It is our policy to employ individuals on the basis of their suitability for the work to be performed and their potential for development, regardless of age, sex, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, disability, marital status, pregnancy or maternity, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief. This includes creating a culture that fully reflects our commitment to equal opportunities for all.

To apply please email your CV and covering letter explaining why you want to work for LifeArc to: adam.rudman@lifearc.org or by post to Recruitment, LifeArc, Accelerator Building, Open Innovation Campus, Stevenage, SG1 2FX (electronic applications preferred).