Project Director

Leading projects in a fast growing biotech Company

As Project Director at Ascendis Pharma the main success criteria is to form and lead a high performance-driven global project team and to become the trusted leader of the project. The Project Director must ensure that high quality projects are delivered according to deadlines and within budget. Ascendis Pharma is still a relatively small biotech company, which means that the Project Director must be passionate about leaving a sustainable footprint, be resilient and able to work closely with a highly involved Senior Management Team.

The main responsibilities are:

- Formulate project strategy from early stage clinical development to NDA filing
- Create integrated project plans. Implement and monitor progress against project plans and revise as necessary
- Responsible for appropriate issue escalation to Senior Management and/or appropriate stakeholder(s)
- Lead the global project core team and facilitate the team’s ability to deliver on the project
- Ensure effective cross-functional teamwork among global project team members with different cultural backgrounds
- Proactively engage in both quality assurance and risk management activities to ensure that project deliverables are met according to requirements
- Responsible for budgets on assigned project(s)

Ideally, you hold a relevant university degree, preferably a Master of Science in Pharmacy, Biology, Biochemistry or Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. The successful candidate will have proven experience with project management of clinical development projects, and have a solid scientific background in either clinical, non-clinical or pharmaceutical development (injectables). You have proven that you can deliver complex development projects to deadline and on budget.

Qualifications required in the position include broad knowledge of drug development processes, the demonstrated ability to inspire effective teamwork and motivate staff within a matrix system, the ability to lead by example and encourage team members to seek solutions, and the ability to work independently. You have excellent communication, planning and organizational skills and are able to negotiate and liaise with CROs in a professional manner.

You are fluent in English, both written and spoken and you master MS Office. Experience with MS Projects or other project tools are an advantage.
You are comfortable making high-risk decisions, you enjoy working in a dynamic and fast changing environment, you can communicate effectively toward upper management, and you are analytical and science-driven. You are a flexible, adaptable and resilient person with an active hands-on attitude. You are pragmatic with an open and communicative approach and with the ability to develop effective working relationships with employees at all levels. You have a highly developed sense of detail without missing the big picture. Finally, you are able to handle and deliver on routine jobs when necessary, while at the same time having the ability to move projects forward.

Ascendis Pharma offers you an exciting and challenging position in an entrepreneurial and international company with a short line of command. You will be involved in activities that are central to Ascendis Pharma’s strategy and work together with highly skilled and experienced colleagues to advance our exciting product pipeline.

Travelling: 20 – 30 days/year

Place of work: Ascendis Pharma resides in a wonderful office facility in Tuborg Havn in Hellerup with a view to the harbor, the canals and the sea.

For more details about the job or the company, please contact Partner Lifesciences Jørn Duhn, Unique Human Capital on M +45 21 75 19 25 or Senior Consultant, Jannie Jensen, Unique Human Capital, on M: +45 29 72 78 86. All applications must be in English and are treated confidentially.

Ascendis Pharma A/S is an international company with offices in Copenhagen, Germany and the US. Ascendis Pharma is building an integrated biopharmaceutical company to advance its pipeline of long-acting prodrug therapies. They employ their proprietary TransCon technology platform to generate therapeutics with best-in-class profiles that address large markets with significant unmet medical needs. Ascendis Pharma has a diversified and balanced high-value product pipeline, including internal programs and partnerships with market leaders.

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