



Strategic Planning Manager

Do you want to be part of building a fully integrated biopharmaceutical company together with a team of highly skilled colleagues who are passionate about developing best-in-class therapeutics that address significant unmet medical needs? Then Ascendis Pharma is committed to support your personal development on our journey towards becoming a leading rare disease company.

Ascendis Pharma is looking to hire an experienced Strategic Planning Manager to join our team. This is an exciting opportunity to join a rapidly growing, innovative company!

Position Summary

The Strategic Planning & Project Management Group's (SPPM) primary objective is to achieve and maintain sustainable growth by maximizing value and prioritizing resources across the Ascendis portfolio. The Manager, SPPM will play a critical role in driving Ascendis' success by contributing to this objective. He/she will be integral to executing on Ascendis' algorithm and approach to balancing opportunity and risk across therapeutic areas, including contributing to business cases (e.g., new molecules, new geographies, new indications) and establishing, improving, and leading processes to drive strategy. She/he will interact and coordinate with cross-functional stakeholders and will be expected to communicate in a clear and data-driven manner, from written communication to live presentations. This person will be based in Palo Alto and report to the Director, Strategic Planning.

Key Responsibilities

- Collaborate across functions to develop business cases (e.g., new molecules, new geographies, new indications) for new opportunities
 - Evaluate business cases within portfolio context to prioritize and re-prioritize opportunities across the company
 - Ensure company resources (people, investment, time, energy) are aligned with prioritized opportunities
- Contribute to the design and implementation of strategic planning processes, such as vision development and iteration, corporate goal setting, and long-range planning
- Monitor, analyze, and disseminate competitive intelligence (including press releases, SEC filings, company websites, conference communications)
- Stay current on key publications and share findings with key stakeholders (e.g., scientific literature, analyst reports, regulatory landscape changes)
- Support business development efforts to bolster sustainable growth across therapeutic areas, including new technologies, licensing partners, geographic partners
- Lead/contribute to operational initiatives, as needed - examples could include:
 - Scenario planning and forecasting use of drug supply
 - Acting as point of contact for external partners (licensing partners)
 - Contributing to brand naming



- Develop agendas and materials, and drive execution for key internal and external milestone meetings (e.g., board materials, Corporate Monthly Reports)
- Establish processes, structures, and templates to support Ascendis' growth (e.g., business case templates, out-of-budget requests, subscriptions tracker)

Knowledge, Skills and Experience

- Bachelor's degree required, preferably in Life Sciences
- MBA or advanced degree in Life Sciences (or related field) preferred
- At least five years relevant experience: biotech, pharma, top-tier consulting and/or investment banking
- Excellent analytical skills and ability to provide strategic insight and problem solve, quantifying options, tradeoffs, budget, and resources needed
- Ability to independently manage and meet timelines for multiple projects in a fast-paced environment
- Strong interpersonal skills, communication skills, organizational and attention to detail
- Driven by curiosity and strong interest in learning; willing to "dig into the science"; dedicated to becoming an expert on the Ascendis therapeutic areas, technology, products, competitors, and related areas
- Role model of the company vision, mission, and values
- Ability to travel up to 20% of the time domestically and internationally

Want to apply? Please send your resume to HumanResources@ascendispharma.com. Please write "Strategic Planning Manager" in the subject field.