Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation
Position Announcement

Research Director

Overview

The Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation (MDF) seeks a full-time Research Director to lead the development and implementation of the Foundation’s research agenda while positioning MDF as a knowledge center and resource for myotonic dystrophy (DM) care and treatment development science.

Serving as the face of MDF’s research initiatives, the Research Director will work with the MDF Executive Director, Board of Directors and Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), as well as other key MDF stakeholders, including the Myotonic Dystrophy Clinical Research Network, academic research institutions, industry and governmental partners, funders and other nonprofits to develop, implement and manage the Foundation’s research agenda.

The Research Director will also facilitate communication among all stakeholders and sectors of the DM research community, cultivating strategic partnerships with other organizations and individuals in pursuit of MDF’s research goals. The Research Director will also contribute to relevant articles on behalf of MDF, manage the research grants program and support MDF’s program delivery and fund development efforts.

MDF’s mission is Care and a Cure for myotonic dystrophy: providing support and resources to people living with DM and accelerating efforts to find treatments and a cure for DM. MDF was founded in 2007 and is based in San Francisco, CA. More information on MDF is available at the MDF website, www.myotonic.org. MDF also launched and manages the Myotonic Dystrophy Family Registry, at www.myotonic.registry.org, and is a partner in the DMCRN. Both MDF and the Myotonic Dystrophy Family Registry serve an international population.

Reporting
The Research Director is a full-time position reporting to the MDF Executive Director, working collaboratively with MDF staff, Board, SAC and key stakeholders.

Position Qualifications

- Ph.D., M.D. or equivalent advanced degree in a field relevant to DM
- Proven experience in a neurodegenerative disease field, including lab research, scientific grant proposal review, presentations and public speaking and the production of peer-reviewed publications
- Proven success identifying, cultivating and managing key relationships and consortia, and bringing academic and corporate science together with government agencies to achieve diagnostic and therapeutic progress.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the peer-review process, the mechanics of grant-making and the culture of academic medical centers
- Demonstrated experience and success working with and supporting cross-sectoral partners in the clinical trial process from bench science to regulatory review
- Exceptional written and oral communication skills, along with ability to communicate effectively with both scientific and lay audiences
- Entrepreneurial savvy and drive, along with ability to multi-task and work independently as well as collaboratively in a small, fast-growing organization
- Willingness to travel as needed domestically and occasionally internationally
- Strong commitment to MDF’s mission and the community of people it serves

Salary commensurate with experience
Position based in San Francisco, CA offices; telecommuting and/or a remote reporting relationship will be considered
Health benefits and retirement savings plan
Send resume and cover letter with salary history to:

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Applications must be received by Friday, November 14th, 2014.