

Program Director, Integrated Management Platform to Accelerate Clinical Trials (IMPACT) Life Sciences Innovation Hub

The Integrated Management Plan to Accelerate Clinical Trials (IMPACT) is a new program designed to facilitate the efficient conduct of high quality clinical trials through an integrated, multi-step process.

The Life Sciences Innovation Hub (LSI Hub) at the University of Calgary is a one-of-a-kind facility located within University Research Park. The LSI Hub offers access to space (office, wet and dry labs, prototype maker space), entrepreneurial and business development programming, mentorship, and technical expertise for research-intensive startups and developing companies.

The 127,000 square foot facility is operated by Innovate Calgary on behalf of the University of Calgary and its partners. This new initiative has created a number of exciting employment opportunities for talented individuals in the areas of Life Sciences and Engineering laboratory management, building and facilities management, startup support and office support.

We offer the successful candidate competitive salary and benefits and the chance to grow with a dynamic group of highly educated and motivated professionals working in what we believe to be, a business of the future.

We are currently accepting applications for the following position:

PROGRAM DIRECTOR, IMPACT

Working with the IMPACT Clinical Director, and the Creative Destruction Labs (CDL), the Program Director will lead a team of 4-8 individuals (experts in grant writing, Q&A, budgeting, regulatory procedures, documentation, and marketing and communications). They will liaise with CDL to ensure the needs of ventures and the CDL network members are being met. The Director will be a leader in developing and establishing IMPACT as a preferred partner for new ventures within CDL and the University of Calgary that are seeking to conduct clinical trials. The IMPACT team will develop strategic partnerships with the University of Calgary, the Cummings School of Medicine (CSM), the Haskayne School of Business, and others. The Director will have responsibilities in all phases of office operations, including business planning, product design, industry partnering, and customer relations.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES:

- Lead a collaborative strategic initiative between CDL (business development) and the CSM to overcome common barriers in a venture's life cycle;
- Create a seamless path from product concept to regulatory application by integrating existing CSM services (trials design, support, and execution) with new ones (regulatory, writing, and reporting), via experienced and dedicated expert navigators;
- Develop a unique and comprehensive approach to supporting startups through a tailored business plan and targeted research plan;
- Train and manage the IMPACT team;
- Develop clinical strategies and plans for startup ventures.

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

The Director is a leader in the Calgary health and life sciences ecosystem, working closely with internal staff, clinicians, researchers, entrepreneurs, inventors, senior university administrators, and investors.

- Sound business judgement, communication, and interpersonal skills;
- Intelligent, personable and willing to proactively engage clients and team members;
- Proactive business relationship management skills with a commitment to the completion of projects;
- Entrepreneurial, possesses the ability to work in an evolving environment with multiple stakeholders;
- Detail-oriented, meticulous but confident, tenacious and diplomatic;
- Ability to prioritize and monitor multiple competing deadlines; and excellent interpersonal skills to work with a diverse constituency of higher education, government, and business personnel;
- Self-motivated and open-minded;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.

REQUIRED SKILLS/ QUALIFICATIONS:

- Developing and translating novel early technologies from early concepts, through rapid proof of concept, development and implementation in the clinic;
- Collaborating with patients, caregivers, providers and payers to identify and execute on unique market opportunities in multiple health markets;
- Executing on business plans and fundraising strategies to support medical devices and combination product development;
- Feasibility and development phases of multiple medical products to validate clinical utility, safety, efficacy, and manufacturability.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Ph.D./MBA; and
- Concurrent with, or in addition to, management experience.

Interested applicants are asked to forward their **resume and cover letter** to hr@innovatecalgary.com. Alternatively, resumes may be mailed to: HR, Innovate Calgary, 3553 31 Street NW, Calgary, AB, T2L 2K7.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those persons for whom we need further information, or who are being considered for an interview will be contacted.

Application deadline: End of the business day, **April 1, 2019**.