

Director for Strategic International Partnerships

The International Clinical Research Center is an integral part of St. Anne's University Hospital in Brno, Czech Republic. ICRC is an innovative science and research center and a top-quality public healthcare center focusing on prevention, early detection and advanced diagnostics and treatment of cardiovascular and neurological diseases. ICRC is based on almost ten years of successful cooperation between St. Anne's University Hospital in Brno and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota (USA) and other partners. ICRC will be the first international center for medical research operating on similar principles as other international research centers such as the International Space Station (ISS), the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN, Switzerland), and the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER, France). In addition to the allocated resources from the state budget of the Czech Republic (about 80 million Euro), ICRC has received just over 110 million Euro co-financing from the Structural Funds of the European Union.

Director for Strategic International Partnerships (DSIP) is expected to focus its effort on achieving results in the following areas:

- Strengthening of existing strategic partnership with Mayo Clinic,
- Developing (or strengthening) of one or two partnerships of similar nature to the one with Mayo Clinic (regardless geography but with strong preference towards synergy, trust and other markers of a potentially successful strategic partnership),
- Developing industrial partnerships as an enabling force in medical research,
- Re-shaping of the regional and cross-border innovation system towards tighter and more efficient scientific and industrial collaboration,
- Correlating the above with an international PR strategy of ICRC,
- Managing the fundraising campaign of ICRC and ICRC philanthropic program.

Topics of special interest in cardiology include development of novel methods, technologies and therapeutic strategies for prevention, early detection and individualized treatment especially of heart failure, coronary heart disease, cardiac arrhythmias, hypertension and metabolic syndrome. Special attention is dedicated to development of novel technologies for cardiovascular and transplant surgery. All research and clinical programs are expected to be high-tech oriented, including utilization of biotechnologies and nanotechnologies.

Topics of special interest in neurology include the development of new technologies and methods for prevention, early diagnostics and treatment of cerebrovascular diseases, Alzheimer's disease, and multiple sclerosis.

This opportunity is available to an accomplished individual who has a demonstrated track record of development of international scientific, industrial or public relationships and the leadership and management/marketing skills to build and sustain international research center supporting excellence, high-performance and corresponding corporate climate based on mutual respect, recognition and trust.

Applicants must possess a university degree preferably in the field of economics, international relations, management, ~~human resources development~~, public relations/marketing, biomedical sciences or medicine and have a professional experience reflecting a broad leadership, management and administrative background plus related excellent track record. Applicants should be known and respected within their profession, both nationally and internationally, as distinguished individuals of outstanding leadership accomplishment. For details please see below.

Mandatory Experience

- At least 6 years of cumulative experience in a leadership role responsible for development of international scientific, industrial or public relationships, preferably in the area of clinical research / innovation (preferably in medicine or biomedical sciences) and/or public relations/media/marketing
- Proven track record in management, business administration and industry-academia cooperation.

Salary is commensurate with experience (an indicative salary level is €7 000 – 10 000 a month). The appointment shall last till December 31, 2015. The appointment can be extended pending evaluation of the appointee's performance and a decision by the ICRC Supervisory Board.

Application procedure:

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, including a brief description of research and leadership experience, CV and bibliography to: registration@msmt.cz until 15th November 2012.

For informal enquiries about any aspect of the position, please contact Dr. Michal Kostka (michal.kostka@fnusa.cz, tel.: +420 731168317). All enquiries/information from the candidates will be handled in the strictest confidentiality.

All applications will be assessed by a special selection board (Search Committee), consisting of both international and Czech experts as well as representatives of the ICRC project, that shall meet under the coordination and supervision of the Managing Authority of the Operational Programme Research and Development for Innovation.

Top selected suitable candidates will be invited for interviews that will take place in Brno, Czech Republic (exact date to be communicated in due time).

Informative documents for job applicants can be found here in downloadable files: www.msmt.cz/strukturalni-fondy/search-committees