



St. Anna Kinderkrebsforschung
CHILDREN'S CANCER RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Scientific Director Children's Cancer Research Institute Vienna

The Children's Cancer Research Institute (science.ccri.at) announces recruitment for the position of the Scientific Director of the Institute.

Situated in the center of Vienna, one of Europe's most prominent cities for medical research and life sciences, the CCRI in conjunction with the St. Anna Children's Hospital represents one of the leading pediatric hematology/oncology research and treatment centers in Europe. Together, the adjacent CCRI and St. Anna Children's Hospital provide a unique and successful combination of basic and clinical research, diagnostics, clinical trial management and up-to-date clinical care.

Description of the institute

The CCRI is an academic research institution carried by a private society and affiliated with the leading Austrian pediatric oncology clinic, the St. Anna Children's Hospital. Basic, translational, and clinical research have a long tradition with a leading involvement of the hospital and the CCRI in international cooperative treatment protocols and clinical trials since the 1970's. The ultimate aim of the CCRI is to improve treatment outcome of malignant diseases in children and adolescents. The CCRI is particularly strong in leukemia, neuroblastoma and sarcoma research, tumor and transplantation immunology, and national and international clinical trial management. The Institute also serves as a reference diagnostic center for Austrian and international patients with hematologic and neoplastic diseases for many disease entities.

The CCRI is well equipped with state-of-the-art cell and molecular biology equipment, flow cytometry, confocal microscopy, zebrafish and bioinformatics core facilities, a GMP facility, and has access to small animal facilities and next generation sequencing. Within the CCRI a large clinical study center exists that leads several international clinical trials as well as the majority of national pediatric clinical trials and investigator driven treatment protocols. The CCRI hosts around 150 investigators, students and supporting staff. The Institute is funded through a broad base of private donations as well as through national and international research grants. Its major strength lies in the close interaction with the clinics, supported by its close proximity to the hospital and day to day interactions with the team of clinicians, resulting in a constant exposure to clinical questions, patient diagnostic needs, clinical trial performance, and clinical investigational material.

Besides its affiliation with the St. Anna Children's Hospital and the Medical University of Vienna, the Institute also has close collaborations with several Vienna-based outstanding research institutes, such as the Center for Molecular Medicine (CeMM), the Institute of Molecular Biotechnology (IMBA) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, and the Institute of Molecular Pathology (IMP), among others.

Description of the position

The Scientific Director will have a key role in shaping the scientific and medical future of the CCRI. She or he will achieve this by identifying and developing strategically important areas of research that shall translate into enhanced patient survival and quality of life, thus, pursuing the central goals of the institute and of its founders. The Scientific Director will be responsible for the overall scientific lead. She or he will coordinate and support the various research programs, individual research groups and teams working in the context of basic and translational research, clinical trials, and state-of-the-art diagnostic services in the field of pediatric oncology, hematology, and immunology.



The Institute will undergo a generation change in the next two years, offering the opportunity to hire top researchers and talents on different levels, establish strong teams and enter new areas and fields of research. The development of a pediatric oncology precision medicine program together with the hospital is one of the center's current challenges. This will also require intensive interaction with clinical program directors and trial leaders in the hospital.

Besides having direct responsibility for the entire experimental research, the scientific administrative staff, and undergraduate programs, the Scientific Director is also expected to pursue his/her own research program along the institutional goals.

Candidate qualifications and experience:

The candidate must have earned an MD and/or PhD degree, has international experience, and has been trained by and worked within top-class internationally renowned institutions. We expect an outstanding scientific qualification in areas related to pediatric cancer research and translational medicine or closely related fields, as evidenced by his/her publication record. The successful candidate will have experience in the development and management of scientific programs, translational research, and the acquisition and management of competitive grant funded research projects. The candidate must have a track record in team building, and experience in collaborations within interinstitutional and interdisciplinary networks involving clinical and basic research groups. Experience in pediatric disease in particular in pediatric oncology, hematology, and immunology would be considered as a definite asset.

Expected qualities:

- Genuine commitment to the translation of research in the area of pediatric oncology, hematology and immunology for patients' benefit;
- Successful and inspiring leadership with proven experience of managing staff and high-performing research teams;
- Strong capabilities in identifying and developing young talents;
- Excellent communication skills and networking ability to develop strategic partnerships within complex environments;
- Willingness and competence to support and further enlarge existing research networks of the Institute with local public and private institutional research organizations (Medical University of Vienna, University of Vienna, CEMM, IMP, IMBA).

The equal opportunity policy of the institute encourages applications irrespective of individual's sex, race, color, religion, age, disability, or national or ethnic origin.

How to Apply: Application is by submission of a full curriculum vitae and a covering letter of application, addressing the role profile and person specification and including all necessary contact details. Complete applications should be sent to the E-Mail: application-sd@ccri.at. The **closing day** for applications is **February 11, 2018**.