

Chief Scientific Liaison

CIHR Canadian HIV Trials Network

The CIHR Canadian HIV Trials Network (CTN) is a Canada-wide partnership of researchers, caregivers, governments, health advocates, the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry, and people living with HIV who are committed to developing treatments, preventions and a cure for HIV and related health conditions, through the conduct of scientifically sound and ethical trials. Established in 1990 as a cornerstone of the federal AIDS Strategy, the CTN has 38 affiliate sites across Canada, and another nine sites internationally engaging in the Network projects. The CTN is funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), and jointly sponsored by the University of British Columbia and St. Paul's Hospital (Providence Health Care) in Vancouver.

The Chief Scientific Liaison (CSL) supports CTN investigators in the conduct of both national and international clinical trials and interventional research of relevance within the Canadian context in order to ensure that the CTN mandate is achieved. The incumbent accomplishes this by contributing to the overall scientific strategy of the Network and by supporting the scientific strategic planning of the CTN Scientific Cores. Acting as a resource for CTN Core Leaders facilitating planning, meetings, and cross-Core communications, the incumbent will build effective working relationships across the CTN such that investigators are supported in their conduct of studies, and receive services that provide the highest standards of good clinical practice. A high degree of motivation, enthusiasm, and initiative will enable the CSL to focus the direction and performance of clinical research activities.

Working in conjunction with CTN National Centre management, Core leaders and network investigators, the incumbent will facilitate the evaluation and prioritization of potential research projects and collaborative research opportunities. This will involve the determination of the validity of proposals, including evaluating the significance of research hypotheses, capability of the Network to accomplish studies, and medical-legal issues and ethical considerations. The successful candidate will maintain specific scientific and clinical knowledge as it relates to the objectives of the Network and will act as a resource and contribute to study protocol development. The incumbent will foster relationships with the pharmaceutical industry, non-profits and other potential partners directed towards providing information on the existence and operation of the Network, including identifying opportunities for clinical interventions of new therapies and generation of additional funds. This may also involve participating in the development and submission of funding applications.

Bringing established connections and good relations with key contacts in the clinical health field, applicants will hold an advanced scientific degree (MS, MD, PhD, or PharmD), with an MD preferred. The incumbent must have the ability to gain investigator feedback, uncover opportunities for the CTN and match researchers' unmet needs with available resources. Knowledge of clinical research processes, research methodology, clinical trial and interventional research protocol requirements, Health Canada guidelines, regulations, and ethical guidelines is required. Experience in the conduct of research involving vulnerable populations is preferred. Knowledge of medicine (including pharmacotherapy) and treatment guidelines is also preferred. Previous experience in HIV and related co-infections is strongly preferred as well. Experience in dealing with crises, short deadlines and sensitive public health, clinical or research issues is required. Excellent interpersonal, communication, presentation and project management skills, along with innovative and creative thinking and logical approach to problem solving are necessary. Applicants must have the ability to develop, prioritize, implement and oversee multiple time-sensitive projects, and to travel as may be required from time to time. Proficiency in both official languages is also an asset.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Preferred start date is October 30, 2015, but can be negotiable. A remuneration package commensurate with skills and experience will be negotiated with the successful candidate. Please send a cover letter, including a description of your experience, along with a curriculum vitae or resume, and the contact information for three referees via email or post to: Ms. Kristin Westland, Chief Administrative Officer, CTN, Email: kwestland@hivnet.ubc.ca, 588-1081 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC V6Z 1Y6.

CTN hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. All qualified persons are encouraged to apply. We are strongly committed to diversity and welcome applications from visible minority group members, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority. We thank all applicants for their interest in this position. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. However, unless informed otherwise, we will keep your application on file for one year and may contact you should future job openings become available in our organizations.



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