



R&D Project Director

Biomunex Pharmaceuticals

The Position

You will be responsible for leading and managing several activities of the Research Department. Responsibilities will include management of Molecular Biology, Mammalian Expression and Protein Chemistry activities, externally or internally. Other responsibilities will include Project Management directed toward the development of bi- and multi-specific antibody products.

You will report to the VP R&D. As one of the senior scientific leaders of the company, you will be expected to lead projects directed towards the development of bi- and multi-specific antibody products. As an evolving position, your responsibilities are expected to expand as the company grows, and you are expected to manage a small scientist team in the future. The position is open.

Biomunex in a nutshell

Biomunex is a biopharmaceutical company focused on providing immuno-therapeutics through the discovery and development of bi- and multi-specific antibodies, created from its next generation proprietary BiXAb® platform. The most advanced candidates have demonstrated superior in vitro/in vivo efficacy and could become potent immuno-therapeutics for solid tumors and/or hematological malignancies. In collaboration with renowned public institutions in Europe, Biomunex has also initiated the development of several additional cutting-edge multi-specific antibodies, which will employ disruptive approaches. Biomunex also intends to expand collaborations with major pharmaceutical companies, after the Sanofi out-licensing deal announced in January 2019.

Main responsibilities of the job:

He/she will

- Assume Project Direction role for several of the main programs of the company according to the strategy defined by the top management
- Liaising with the VP R&D when appropriate, contribute to project planning, establishment and interpretation of experimental results ; help authoring scientific elements and external grant proposals
- Act as a contact person with the external collaborators and out-sourced companies (CROs, academia)
- Manage Molecular Biology, Mammalian Expression, and Protein Chemistry activities
- Manage planning and balance resources to support development programs (under responsibility of the VP R&D)

- Regularly provide written reports and oral presentation updates to VP R&D and to senior management regarding experimental results and propose subsequent research activities

Background

- PhD in Biochemistry, Molecular Biology or related disciplines plus an independent postgraduate research experience of 5+ years in pharmaceutical industry or biotech startup environment;
- **Experience in a biotechnology company is mandatory;**
- Demonstrated knowledge of antibody design, structure, and various antibody functions;
- Hands-on experience with various antibody discovery technologies, screening and lead selection, biochemical characterization, sequence optimization for good manufacturability and preclinical and clinical development;
- Bispecific antibody experience is strongly desired;
- Demonstrated knowledge in antibody engineering, design of molecular constructs, use of mammalian expression systems (especially in CHO), protein purification and analytics, development and use of bioassays and biochemistry-based assays;
- Experience of Project Direction, from discovery to clinical stage
- Experience in managing external collaborations (academic and/or industrial) and the ability to design experiments;
- Global understanding of cancer immunotherapy is a plus;
- Ability to conduct several projects in parallel in a dynamic and challenging environment while delivering agreed milestones within the established deadlines.

Key personal skills

- Entrepreneurship spirit
- Autonomy
- Sense of excellence
- Engagement and loyalty
- Strong interpersonal development capacity

Others

- Fluent written and oral English is required; Fluent written and oral French is a plus
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Based in Paris
- Compensation package according to experience and profile

How to apply

- Contact Biomunex Pharmaceuticals: Please send resumé, publication list and references plus motivation email to biomunex@lalliance.com

Many thanks for your interest!