



Position Title: Sr./Director, Translational Research
Department: Discovery & Translational Sciences
Hiring Manager: VP, Discovery & Translational Science
Date Opened: May 2021

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Position Overview:

Astria Therapeutics is seeking a highly motivated Director/Sr. Director with industry experience in translational research and protein therapeutics. This is an exciting opportunity to build and lead the Translational Sciences function within Discovery Research. The successful candidate will be responsible for conceptualizing and implementing fit-for-purpose translational biomarkers across all programs. The candidate should also be able to assume project leadership of one (or more) programs and will be responsible for all activities aimed at transitioning lead candidates in that program into development. The candidate will further need to manage a broad range of translational activities in close relationships with CROs. The candidate should exhibit excellent communication and collaborative skills for working on cross-functional and multi-disciplinary drug discovery teams.

Responsibilities:

- Contribute to the overall scientific strategy and direction of the Translational Sciences group
- Discover, design, implement and manage biomarker analysis efforts based on target-specific mechanism of action and indication-specific natural history studies
- Become the in-house expert on translational research activities, and provide expert advice on biomarkers across all discovery programs
- Evaluate candidate antibodies for progression into development utilizing clinically relevant biomarkers and establishing proof of concept studies in preclinical models
- Proactively evaluate new assay technologies and biomarker analysis paradigms that are clinically feasible
- Develop project plans and workflow to meet project goals and milestones
- Effectively present and communicate research findings at internal meetings and external scientific conferences

Qualifications:

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- PhD in Immunology, Pharmacology, Biochemistry, or a related scientific discipline with a minimum of 8 years of relevant industry experience
- Strong knowledge of various translational activities including mechanism of action studies and natural history data collection/analysis
- Experience working across diverse disease areas
- Experience with multiple biomarker assay platforms such as FACS, ELISA/MSD, RNASeq, Western Blots/ProteinSimple/LiCOR
- Experience with writing relevant sections in regulatory documents
- Experience with GLP method development, validation and sample analysis is not required but a strong knowledge of these processes is helpful
- Experience using data management, analysis, and visualization tools
- Track record of delivering on project and company goals
- Ability to accommodate to fast changing priorities and meeting established deadlines
- Excellent communication and project leadership skills and ability to work effectively in a team setting
- Strong experience in managing external collaborations and CRO activities
- Scientific productivity demonstrated by publications and presentations