

## **Experienced Medicinal Chemist/Drug Hunter (Principal Scientist to Director)**

Unique opportunity to shape the chemistry group, science and culture of an early stage Atlas Venture backed start up. The exciting seed stage company is focused on targeting the traditionally undruggable proteome within key pathways involved in inflammation, immunity, and oncology. The approach combines the power of effective genetic silencing with the flexibility and drug-like properties of small molecules to harness the body's innate protein regulation machinery.

### **Job Description:**

- Drive novel drug discovery projects from early discovery stage to clinical candidate.
- Mentor junior team members, contribute to drug discovery strategies.
- Drive state-of-the-art multi-parametric medicinal chemistry optimization with creativity, innovation and in depth analysis of data and existing literature.
- Contribute in a very impactful manner to compound design and synthetic route identification for all portfolio projects.
- Holistic approach to hit/lead finding including use of structure based drug design and fragment based drug discovery.
- Effective leadership and management of CRO chemistry teams through excellent synthetic and medical chemistry skills and clear and open communication.

The successful candidate will have a track record of state-of-the-art multi-parametric medicinal chemistry optimization of lead compounds resulting in high impact on drug discovery programs/generation of high-quality development candidates. This will be enabled by the knowledge of key molecular recognition, ADME, biochemical, pharmacological and safety principles and the ability to apply this knowledge to the design of new molecular entities. Excellent synthetic organic chemistry skills and creativity are required - and the demonstrated ability to translate those skills to the effective leadership and management of CRO chemistry teams is critical. The successful candidate will bring a sense of urgency and commitment to do whatever it takes to help the company reach its potential and deliver to patients novel therapeutics that address important medical needs.

Personal attributes: goal-driven, operates with a sense of urgency, highly collaborative, open-minded, data-driven, creative, ability to see the big picture as well as dive deep into the details depending on the needs of the situation, persistent in the face of obstacles and uncertainty, flexible, self-aware of strengths and weaknesses, brutally objective in the evaluation of data and strongly optimistic about overcoming obstacles, excellent oral and written communication skills.

Education/experience: Ph.D. (or equivalent experience) in organic chemistry with 5-15 years experience as a medicinal chemist/project/group leader in the pharmaceutical industry.