



POSITION SPECIFICATION

Drug Discovery Project Leader/ RNA Senior Scientist in Preclinical Drug Discovery of Silence Therapeutics

Job title:	Drug Discovery Project Leader/ RNA Senior Scientist
Reporting to:	Head of Preclinical Drug Discovery at Silence Therapeutics
Background to the Organisation:	<p>Silence Therapeutics is a leading RNA technology company focused on drug development with a proprietary genetic medicine platform.</p> <p>We have developed proprietary modifications to improve the robustness of RNA sequences which allows the development of therapeutics for diseases with high unmet clinical need.</p> <p>The company is split between two sites – London & Berlin – with a total of around 50 employees. The R&D activities are mainly located in Berlin, with the primary leadership and support staff in London.</p> <p>For more information, please review the website: www.silence-therapeutics.com</p>
Background to the role:	<p>As Silence intensifies its efforts in therapeutic projects to develop for diseases with unmet medical need, there is need for a senior scientist with profound project management experience within the biopharmaceutical or pharmaceutical industry.</p>
Job purpose and dimensions:	<p>The jobholder will be part of the Preclinical Drug Discovery team in Berlin. He or she will initiate and lead preclinical drug discovery projects and interdisciplinary teams to achieve important project milestones.</p>
Principal accountabilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead interdisciplinary project teams from target selection to preclinical development with internal and external partners in a goal-orientated manner• Responsibility for the initiation of novel RNA drug discovery projects• Collaborate with other R&D functions and support cross-site activity by serving as a liaison between departments at Silence Therapeutics• Maintain and extend an international network with external partners from academia, contract research organizations and medical experts

- Ensures effective characterization and profiling of RNA therapeutic candidates from lead discovery to early development
- Prepare progress/project updates as project leader and present them internally
- Foster creativity and motivation between scientists and providing a drug-hunting spirit

Key relationships:

- Research scientists in Silence Therapeutics to support RNA drug discovery by providing and receiving scientific input and coordinating research efforts
- Head of preclinical drug discovery department to review progress and resource use

Skills and knowledge:

- PhD or MD in life science with excellent knowledge in molecular and biological sciences and the translation into therapeutic applications (if possible also in the RNA field)
- 3-5 years of project leadership / project management experience in the pharma/biotech industry leading multiple projects and setting clear priorities
- Broad pathophysiological understanding of different disease areas and potential for RNA intervention
- Profound experience in in vitro and in vivo pharmacology
- Be a team-player with excellent leadership and communication skills and the ability to guide and motivate others
- Excellent presentation skills
- Profound knowledge of English (and German) language
- Enthusiastic and proactive attitude
- Ability to work under pressure, manage different projects and deliver to defined timelines
- Structured and organized working behavior
- Desire to pass on scientific knowledge and develop others

Remuneration

An attractive and competitive remuneration package will be offered based on past experience.

Recruitment process

Those who wish to be considered should submit a CV, along with a cover letter detailing your interest and suitability for the post, to Christine Jahn (c.Jahn@silence-therapeutics.com). The closing date for applications is May 1st, 2018