

## **International Centre for Neurotherapeutics (ICNT)**

### **Biopharmaceutical Project Manager and Overseer of Development Operations**

ICNT is a multi-disciplinary, internationally-competitive and well-funded Centre whose research focuses on developing novel, long-acting biotherapeutics for chronic pain. Towards this clinically-important goal, new recombinant generations of botulinum neurotoxins are being engineered so that their therapeutic characteristics can be tailored to act as anti-nociceptives. This innovative strategy has already yielded two candidates with proven ability to give prolonged amelioration of chronic pain in animal models. These unique and promising recombinant neurotherapeutics are being produced in a new 'state-of-the-art' Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) facility for evaluation in man, and subsequent commercial development.

#### **Key roles:**

Manage and coordinate the pre-clinical toxicology studies of a GMP-grade biotherapeutic for major forms of chronic pain, and progress its development to Phase 1 clinical trials. Generate, purify and characterise this biotherapeutic for use in the pre-clinical and clinical trials. Liaise with consulting Neurology pain specialists and Enterprise Ireland to design a clinical development project for a first-in-man trial. Seek advice/guidance from the Health Products Regulatory Authority and obtain its approval of the plan. Work closely with DCU Invent to progress the commercialisation opportunity by interacting with multinational Pharmaceutical companies who are global leaders in neuro-therapeutics, and advance the translation of the research data towards clinical applications. Be a key member of the team that commences the transition of this promising candidate from bench to bedside for the benefit of numerous individuals who suffer from persistent pain.

#### **Desired candidate:**

A progressive, productive and entrepreneurial biomedical scientist, with proven expertise in the Biopharma industry. In-depth proven performance in research to Ph.D. and preferably post-doctoral level, together with strong project management skills and experience in drug development would be ideal.

#### **Duration:**

There is an initial phase of 1 year, with the expectation of much longer employment dependent on outstanding performance and engagement with commercial partners.

**Salary:** Depending on qualifications and experience, €65,032 p.a. plus pay related social insurance (PRSI) €6,991 and pension contribution €13,006 totaling €85,029.

**Closing date:** 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016

#### **Informal initial enquiries:**

Contact Prof. J. Oliver Dolly, Director of ICNT; Tel: +353 (0)1 700 7757 or E-mail: [oliver.dolly@dcu.ie](mailto:oliver.dolly@dcu.ie); and include C.V. plus names of 3 referees.

#### **Application procedure:**

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies (Open Competitions) website at <http://www4.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies/current.shtml>, and from the Human Resources, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 (0)1 700 5149; Fax: +353 (0)1 700 5500 or E-mail: [hr.applications@dcu.ie](mailto:hr.applications@dcu.ie) to which completed applications should be submitted by E-mail, Fax or Post.