



HEAD OF RESEARCH

Prostate Cancer Research

Working hours: 35

Salary: Circa £55,000

Team: Foundational Research and Communities

Location: Hybrid between home and London office.

Contract: Permanent

Line Managed By: Director of Foundational Research and Communities

Job Description

We are looking for a dynamic, motivated and thoughtful individual to take on the newly created role of Head of Research.

At Prostate Cancer Research, we don't just fund research. We help shape it. From launching cross-disease collaborative grant calls to developing first-of-their-kind initiatives that address gaps in the system, we work closely with researchers to drive meaningful progress.

This role offers the opportunity to combine scientific expertise with creativity and strategic thinking. As our research portfolio grows, you will play a key role in ensuring the smooth day-to-day running of the department, while helping to shape its future direction.

Our remit includes delivering our own independent research projects and piloting community-led initiatives, alongside managing approximately £2 million in annual grant funding. You will also help strengthen links between discovery and translational research, support the development of new EDI initiatives, and build connections between academic research and our Prostate Progress data platform.

If you love science but think it could be done differently, if you would love a job where you can be both creative and analytical, we are the organisation for you.

You will work closely with a member of the Executive Team, allowing you to gain insight into organisational strategy and decision-making. You will also practise your own leadership and represent the department as part of our internal Heads of Group.

We have a strong commitment to flexible working and will work with you to agree a pattern that suits both you and the organisation.

Responsibility

- Oversee the monitoring and evaluation of our research portfolio of both grant-funded and in-house projects, including supporting and mentoring other team members

- Strengthen links between discovery and translational research through creating effective processes and partnerships
- Lead the day-to-day management of complex research projects
- Support the uptake of the Prostate Progress data platform within academic research
- Develop a Trust and Accountability Index to boost public trust in research, building on our recently launched Empowering Communities report
- Lead on the implementation of the charity's next EDI strategy for researchers
- Deputise for the Director of Research where appropriate
- Act as an internal and external champion for discovery research

Skills and Competencies

Our ideal candidate would have the following:

- A strong belief in the value and potential of science (essential)
- A PhD in cancer or a relevant biomedical science discipline (essential)
- Experience working in an academic research laboratory within the past five years
- Experience managing research grants from application to closure, including financial and operational decision-making
- Strong project management skills, with the ability to manage multiple priorities
- An understanding of social science research methodologies
- Experience of EDI-focused initiatives or community engagement
- A collaborative approach, with the ability to build relationships, work flexibly, and manage expectations
- Confidence in leading new initiatives and driving innovation
- Excellent communication skills, with the ability to engage researchers, patients and internal stakeholders

How To Apply

Please apply by submitting your CV and a short supporting statement (maximum 500 words). In the statement, focus on why you would like the role, and give a 2 – 3 examples of your achievements or things you have learned which directly map on to the requirements of this role. Your insights and previous experience may be drawn from both professional and voluntary contexts depending on which you feel better represents your authentic self and your suitability for the role.

There will be a two-stage interview process. The first interview will be online, and the second will be an in-person interview at our offices in London. We will provide interview questions in advance.

For more information about the role, please contact us for an informal chat on our office number, 020 3735 5444, or email us at careers@pcr.org.uk.

For more information about our organization, visit the Prostate Cancer Research website: [Home - Prostate Cancer Research](#)

The Prostate Progress webpage: [Prostate Progress - Prostate Cancer Research](#)

Or our online patient resource, The Infopool: [Home | Infopool](#)

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