



Job Opening: Scientific Director

The International Alliance of ALS/MND Associations helps members thrive by adding value to existing and future associations through curation and creation of information and by acting as a global gateway through which Alliance Members, people living with ALS/MND (PALS) and their Caregivers (CALs), internal, and external stakeholders connect.

The Alliance is managed by an Executive Director with a small number of contract consultants and is governed by a Board of Directors. We are looking for a positive, self-motivated person who is an experienced researcher or clinician. The ideal candidate for this role is an excellent multi-tasker who can operate with much autonomy.

The Scientific Director will be responsible for the building and implementation of the Alliance's research strategy and supporting the advocacy and education efforts as they relate to research. They will also support the Scientific Advisory Council (SAC) in their efforts to create a centralized resource to review and provide global perspective on scientific and biomedical announcements, and information and opportunities relating to ALS/MND. The successful candidate must be willing to play a leadership role in facilitating global collaboration in ALS/MND research. This person will work directly with the Executive Director to deliver value to the Alliance's members and the global ALS/MND community.

The Alliance is based out of the United Kingdom, but the position is based at home with time built in for travel. The successful applicant can be located anywhere in the world. The position is anticipated to be a full time position (approximately 40 hours per week).

Specific responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Build and Implement the Alliance's research strategy
- Distill scientific information for communication, education, and advocacy purposes both written and oral.
- Support and liaise with the Alliance's Scientific Advisory Council



- Track and manage budgets for revenues and expenses
- Keep the Alliance and the ALS/MND community up-to-date on the latest research
- Attendance at international research meetings and conferences
- Project manage ongoing research initiatives generated by the Alliance
- Build and maintain strong relationships with stakeholders in the global ALS/MND community
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Ph.D., postdoctoral, or clinical experience in the Neuroscience or related field
- At least 3 years of experience working as a researcher, clinician, program evaluator, or disease advocate
- Superior written, editorial, and verbal communications skills and the ability to communicate research to a lay audience
- Detail oriented and demonstrated experience with project management
- Proven ability to network and build strong relationships with scientists and/or clinicians
- Financial management acumen is an asset
- International experience is an asset
- ALS experience is an asset

Competencies:

- Flexible approach
- Self- motivated with an ability to work alone and as part of a small team



- Excellent problem solver and enjoys managing multiple tasks and goals
- Ability to work across the translational spectrum (from lab/clinic/pharma/community)
- Attention to detail
- Excellent people skills and presentation skills
- Ability to work to a flexible timetable
- A commitment to ALS/MND, its supportive communities and organisations, and to promoting a better life for people living with ALS/MND

Apply

Submit a cover letter, including compensation expectations, and resume in pdf format to alliance@als-mnd.org. Please be sure to indicate the job title in the email subject. Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis until the position is filled.

The Alliance would like to thank all applicants for their interest; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.