



Discovery Scientist

ABOUT THE COMPANY

QurAlis is applying precision medicine to advance a novel therapeutic pipeline for the treatment of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), frontotemporal dementia (FTD) and other neurodegenerative diseases. Our stem cell technologies can test efficacy of various therapies and provide a transitional bridge to the clinic enabling target validation, discovery, and molecule selection. We are advancing three antisense and small molecule programs addressing sub-forms of ALS that account for most patients. Together with a world-class network of thought leaders, drug developers, and patient advocates, our growing team is at the leading edge of neurodegenerative research and development.

This past year we were honored to win the Fierce15 and the New England Venture Capital Association's NEVY award for Best Emerging Life Science Company in New England's startup ecosystem. We are pioneers in neurodegenerative disease biology, stem cell and antisense oligonucleotides (ASO) technology, biomarkers, and small molecule design. We are honest and empathetic to our patient community, science, colleagues, and ourselves, sharing a common passion to urgently discover new medicines for ALS and FTD. We represent a diversity of backgrounds and value collaboration. We believe that success in treating neurodegenerative diseases will be achieved by being precise - targeting the right patients, identifying the right disease mechanism, and carefully developing disease-modifying, clinically meaningful therapies to improve the lives of patients.

Summary of Position

QurAlis is seeking a highly motivated Discovery Scientist to support and execute its cutting-edge screening and discovery efforts. The Discovery Scientist will work closely with the QurAlis scientific and management teams to perform studies in a high quality and scientifically rigorous fashion.

Primary Job Responsibilities

- Design and implement discovery plans and oversee the execution
- Analyze data, interpret results, identify problems, and develop creative troubleshooting plans
- Management of contract research studies and research associates
- Proactively review the scientific literature to identify and share new scientific findings, ideas, and methods with other scientists at QurAlis
- Discover ALS disease related phenotypes using patient derived iPSC cell types
- Initiate and perform efficacy and mechanism of action studies to advance therapeutic programs
- Independently plan and execute experiments, and contribute high level scientific neurodegeneration pathways expertise
- Must have scheduling flexibility to enable weekend and holiday work rotations

- Present research findings internally and externally at scientific meetings/conferences

Minimum Qualifications Required

- A PhD in cell biology, biochemistry, neuroscience, or a related field
- 3-5 years relevant experience in academic and/or industry (biotech or pharma) settings including experience in neurodegenerative disease mechanisms, disease modeling, drug discovery and antisense oligonucleotides (ASO).
- Proven track record of scientific excellence as evidenced by high impact, peer reviewed publications
- Proactive, willingness to contribute to bench work in the lab
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in cross-functional teams
- Strong organizational skills, work ethic, and high-level motivation
- Capacity to be highly productive in a dynamic and fast-paced work environment
- Excellent oral, written and interpersonal communication skills
- Authorized to work legally in the United States

Additional Qualifications Desired

- Hands-on experience culturing induced pluripotent stem cells or neurons
- Drug discovery experience in target identification or mechanism of action studies
- Expertise in RNA metabolism, novel RNA detection assay design
- Experience in drug screening
- mRNA and protein quantitation techniques

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