Position Title: Program/Project Manager

Reports to: CEO

Department: R&D

Location Belfast, Northern Ireland

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Introduction

Re-Vana Therapeutics, founded in 2016 and incorporated in both the U.K. and U.S. is a spin-out from Queen's University Belfast (QUB) Northern Ireland. We are developing innovative and proprietary biodegradable sustained-release technologies for the delivery of biologics and small molecules drugs, with a focus on ophthalmic indications.

Our value proposition is the ability to develop "customized" sustained-release implants capable of delivering both biologics and small molecules for as long as 6 months or more, thus reducing the frequency of ocular injections and reducing or eliminating the need for topical eye drops. The sustained delivery of biologic drugs is recognized as one of the major unmet needs within ophthalmology. Currently, ophthalmic biologic drugs represent a $14B market worldwide with growth projections reaching more than $22B by 2024.

Our dual strategy includes the internal development of sustained-release therapeutics alongside the development of external strategic collaborations with major pharmaceutical partners. To date Re-Vana has achieved significant progress and global awareness, raising seed money in 2017, a pre-Series A in 2020 and a Series A in 2022 that included leading U.S. Ophthalmic and U.K. Venture Capital Investors. We have been awarded two significant Innovate U.K. government grants for the development of sustained-release ocular biologics. In 2022, we were awarded the prestigious Ophthalmic Innovation Summit Retina Award for "Drug Delivery Innovation" and the Belfast Chamber "Business Innovation" company of the year. In addition, Re-Vana has established a compelling Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) that includes global ophthalmic opinion leaders.

We are seeking to further strengthen the team by hiring a full-time, Program Manager to develop and manage an internal Project Management system within the company.

The successful candidate will be a key member of the Belfast based team. Reporting to the CEO, he/she will work extensively with the COO, CTO and the internal scientific team.

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This is an outstanding opportunity to help build and contribute significantly to the strategic success of a well-capitalized, highly innovative startup company within a multibillion dollar market potential.

Description of Role:

To Project Manage the non-clinical product development and strategic collaboration programs in support of the company's strategic plan. Prepare and provide strategic and tactical planning models, advice and direction to the scientific team to deliver all agreed technical and therapeutic programs on time, supporting the R&D team to achieve set objectives.

Responsibilities:

- Overall responsibility for internal non-clinical and strategic collaboration programs to ensure high quality products are developed in alignment with strategic goals, industry best-practices, and regulatory requirements and guidance's
- Management of appointed CDMO(s) for development of combination drug/medical device(s)
- Develop and manage department-level budgets and product development timelines
- Contribute technical and industry knowledge to the scientific and senior management team working to develop strategic plans for product and portfolio development, applying technical and industry knowledge
- Evaluate trends and technologies within polymer based biodegradable drug delivery therapeutics materials, and process technology that potentially address unmet clinical needs for new programs and/or product development challenges for existing programs
- Develops R&D and Operations reports for senior management and Board members
- Work with Re-Vana leadership to develop a pro-active, team-oriented culture
- Develop and mentor scientific team members to be empowered and continually improve performance and achieve personal development goals
- Apply scientific, therapeutic and technical knowledge of drug/device combination product industry to assist company in development of new products and enhancements to existing products
- Contribute to the intellectual property of the company via invention and patent applications
- Demonstrate a primary commitment to patient safety and product quality by maintaining compliance with Company's quality policies and procedures
- Other activities to support the Company in meeting its operational, strategic, and financial goals

Requirements:

- B.Sc. in science or engineering discipline (MS or PhD preferred)
- At least 5 years of progressively responsible positions in product development of medical devices, pharmaceutical products, and/or drug/device combination products
- 5+ years of prior project management experience
- Able to work effectively within the confines of a regulated, quality-system driven, FDA-monitored combination product environment required
- Excellent communication, leadership, problem-solving, and time management skills
- Ability to effectively interact with all levels of professionals, backgrounds, and perspectives
- Solid knowledge and background in the design & development of drug delivery technologies and medical devices from concept to commercialization strongly preferred
- Experience with drug/device combination product and polymers strongly preferred
- Product development program/project management from concept to commercialization preferred
- Experience managing local and virtual teams

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Additional

Remuneration to be based on a fixed salary, bonus and stock options relevant to a startup organization

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