

Scientific Alliance Manager at the Pasqual Maragall Foundation

Context

The **Pasqual Maragall Foundation (FPM)** was established in 2008 with the mission to promote and develop biomedical research of excellence. The Foundation is fully committed to being decisive in contributing with global solutions to the problem of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, as well as to raising social awareness to ensure that scientific support for these challenges achieves the appropriate priority. The Foundation's research is carried out through the **BarcelonaBeta Brain Research Center (BBRC)**, a research center of the Pasqual Maragall Foundation established in 2012 with the participation of Pompeu Fabra University and "la Caixa" Foundation.

The vision of the Pasqual Maragall Foundation is to achieve "A future without Alzheimer" framing it on active and healthy aging, with positive experiences and free of cognitive problems and declines. To this end, BBRC's research is directed towards the primary and secondary prevention of Alzheimer's disease, which is possible thanks to the participation of thousands of people who voluntarily contribute to scientific studies to ensure that, in the near future, there will be far fewer sick people. The Pasqual Maragall Foundation is a private non-profit entity. Its financial resources come from philanthropic donations from entities and companies, as well as from an extensive network of more than 80,000 members who contribute to funding the research. The research center's scientific staff also competitively obtains grants and subsidies, mainly from European funds and international foundations. For more information, visit our web pages:

www.fpmaragall.org i www.barcelonabeta.org

The Pasqual Maragall Foundation is a young, consolidated, and growing foundation that, along with the BBRC, currently employs more than 200 people. The FPM team has cross-functional management areas such as IT systems, finance, human resources, communication, social area, and fundraising. The BBRC's scientific team consists of research personnel and professionals in the fields of medicine, biology, psychology, and nursing, among others. All within a dynamic environment, where continuous challenges are part of the work scope of the Foundation.

About the Project

The Pasqual Maragall Foundation is driving the creation of a Hub that will accelerate research and innovation in the field of Alzheimer's disease, through the collaboration of different public and private actors in Barcelona, including hospitals, research centers, pharmaceutical and technology industries, and non-profit entities.

The Alzheimer Hub will contribute to promoting and generating synergies for the execution of research projects of excellence bringing science, innovation, and value together. Additionally, it aims to help make Barcelona an international referent in Alzheimer's research, based on research of excellence and care work carried out in the city.

Among the main objectives of this Alzheimer Hub, some are: to increase both the quantity and the quality of Alzheimer's research taking place in the city of Barcelona; to enhance the transfer of the

results of these activities into clinical practice; to attract international networking activities (congresses, courses, symposiums) about dementias in the city of Barcelona; and to increase training in all the necessary aspects for research in dementias, both for treating patients, and for supporting their families.

About the job

The Pasqual Maragall Foundation is looking for a highly skilled and motivated Scientific Alliance Manager to oversee and coordinate collaborative research initiatives within The Alzheimer Hub.

As the Scientific Alliance Manager, you will be responsible for facilitating effective communication and collaboration among diverse scientific institutions, managing project timelines, and ensuring the successful execution of projects within an Alliance framework. This role requires a unique blend of scientific expertise, project management skills, and interpersonal abilities to foster a collaborative and productive research environment.

Main Responsibilities

The responsibilities for this position include:

Alliance Coordination

- Facilitate communication and collaboration among multidisciplinary teams involved in scientific alliance.
- Ensure that the initial research network activities are successful:
 - Resources inventory
 - Scientific core facilities access.
 - Fellowship and grant program.
- Coordinate regular meetings, workshops, and conferences to foster knowledge exchange and collaboration.

Project Management

- Develop and implement project plans, ensuring adherence to timelines, milestones, and budget constraints.
- Monitor progress, identify potential issues, and implement corrective actions to keep projects on track.
- Report the activities progress to the different stakeholders, including HUB direction and intermediate committees.

Stakeholder Engagement

- Cultivate relationships with Alliance members, external partners, and stakeholders to ensure a unified approach to scientific research goals.
- Act as a liaison between Alliance members and internal leadership to communicate progress and challenges.
- Be part of the Alliance efforts to expand the support and engagement from governmental and non-governmental institutions.

Resource Allocation

- Collaborate with funding agencies, research sponsors, and internal finance teams to secure and allocate resources efficiently.
- Manage budgets, grants, and other financial aspects related to Alliance activities. Including:
 - Meetings, conferences and retreat organization.
 - Doctoral and postdoctoral fellowship program.
 - Master and doctoral degree program in neuroscience and dementia.
 - Call for funding collaborative research projects between the HUB.

Risk Management

- Identify and assess potential risks to Alliance projects, developing strategies to mitigate these risks and ensure project success.

Reporting and Documentation

- Prepare and deliver regular reports on Alliance progress, including scientific achievements, challenges, and future plans.
- Maintain accurate and comprehensive documentation related to Alliance activities.
- Collaborate with the different communication departments in order to maintain a successful public image strategy.

Quality Assurance

- Implement quality control measures to ensure the scientific rigor and reproducibility of research conducted within the Alliance.

Qualifications and experience

- Advanced degree (Ph.D. or equivalent) in a scientific discipline relevant to the Alliance's focus (Alzheimer's Disease, dementias, neuroscience, etc.).
- Proven experience in project management, preferably in a scientific or research setting.
- Demonstrated ability to manage budgets, allocate resources, and mitigate project risks.
- Knowledge of research funding mechanisms, grant management, and compliance requirements.
- Familiarity with data management and open science principles.

Personal Skills

- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills to effectively collaborate with diverse teams and stakeholders.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team in a dynamic and fast-paced environment.

We offer

- Starting date: ASAP.
- Permanent contract.
- Full time position 38 hours/week.
- Salary will depend on experience and will be in accordance to FPM salary scales.
- The Foundation offers an extended vacation period and the possibility of benefit from flexible working hours.
- Hybrid work model (on-site + teleworking) subject to the foundation's regulations.

We offer a unique opportunity in a highly innovative project within a multidisciplinary institution, promoting a diverse and inclusive environment. We welcome applicants regardless of age, disability, gender, nationality, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

In the Foundation we also care about developing your professional career.

If you are passionate about advancing scientific research through collaboration and have a strong background in project management and scientific leadership, we invite you to apply for the position of **Scientific Alliance Manager**.

Application process

To apply, please submit a single PDF file containing the following:

- 1) Cover letter addressed describing your interest and relevant background
- 2) CV
- 3) The names of up to three individuals who could provide reference letters. All files or inquiries should be submitted electronically to: talent@fpmaragall.org

Subject: Scientific Alliance Manager

We inform you that your personal data will be part of a file which Pasqual Maragall Foundation and Barcelonaβeta Brain Research Center is responsible for, in order to manage the job offer you have requested. Once the process is complete, the data processed will be erased.

You have the right to exercise the rights of access, rectification, cancellation and opposition recognized in Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation), to be addressed to the Pasqual Maragall Foundation and Barcelonaβeta Brain Research Center: Wellington Street 30, 08005 Barcelona.