

## Role Profile

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| Role Title: ECMC Network Lead              | Grade: N/A      |
| Location: Home based – Half a day per week | Date: Sept 2023 |

### The ECMC initiative:

The ECMC Network is a UK-wide network which conducts early phase trials and associated translational research in both adult and paediatric cancers. It is supported by a unique partnership between CRUK, the four departments of health and the Little Princess Trust.

The ECMC Network is seeking to deliver on its vision to be an internationally competitive, national network of early phase experimental cancer medicines, which translates the most promising innovations from academic and industry sectors into the medicines of tomorrow.

The network is in an exciting phase as it enters a new funding period and seeks to deliver its network level strategy. This role will be pivotal in ensuring the network is the global place of choice to deliver early phase cancer trials.

### The role:

CRUK now plans to appoint an outstanding scientist and visionary leader, with the skills and experience to lead the network and act as a key figurehead for the network.

Either a non-clinical or a clinician scientist, you must have the ability to provide institutionally agnostic UK-wide leadership and inspire and influence across the translational and clinical research communities. You must be at ease with fostering effective partnerships with a range of other specialists and stakeholders working across the University, clinical research, NHS and industry sectors, and with other key research initiatives, infrastructure and government agencies operating in this space. You will need to work with the scientific community, the network funders, International Advisory and strategic partners, to shape and refine the network's approach and to develop distinct work packages/streams via the Network Governance structure, engaging all the members of the ECMC network to deliver on its ambition. You will share our commitment to develop careers in experimental cancer medicine and to ensuring that the ECMC network activities promote equality, diversity and inclusion in our researcher teams and the people who take part in our research and who will benefit from it.

It is envisaged that the successful applicant will dedicate approximately 0.5 day/week to the network over the quinquennium.

This is a senior appointment by CRUK and a competitive ~0.1 FTE package will be offered (negotiable depending on experience) which would be awarded as a grant to your host institution to buy out that time. The successful candidate will be provided with advice and support from the ECMC Programme Office and the funding partners.

It is expected that the role will represent the network at key events and with key potential partners.

Applications should be emailed to [catherine.cowell@Cancer.org.uk](mailto:catherine.cowell@Cancer.org.uk)

### Summary of the Role's Main Purpose:

The Lead will have wide ranging responsibilities including (but not limited to):

- Supporting the delivery of the ECMC's overarching scientific vision, and strategy that addresses the three key pillars: Translational Science, Delivery and Network Engagement.
- Be a champion for the ECMC network - work with key stakeholders nationally and internationally including industry, regulators, patients and funders to advance the aims and ambitions of the ECMC network.
- Work with ECMC colleagues and ECMC Programme Office to shape and drive delivery of the ECMC Network strategy.
- Provide advice to the ECMC Programme Office to support the development and delivery of key strategic initiatives.
- Be a key interface between the Adult and Paediatric ECMC network to facilitate new opportunities and the delivery of a true pan-age network
- Be a key interface with the ECMC Independent Advisory Board, the route through which the network will be held accountable for the delivery of the network strategy
- Keep abreast of scientific and clinical developments in the wider field of cancer clinical research in order to inform and facilitate the delivery of the ECMC strategy
- Work with patients and the public to understand their perspectives and support the network to embed these within the work of the ECMC
- Foster relationships with key clinical/health system stakeholders and scope out and consider any potential future challenges for early phase clinical trials
- Foster relationships with key industry stakeholders and work with the ECMC Programme Office to develop a commercial engagement strategy to enable the building of the ECMC's industry engagement.
- Keep CRUK's and partner organisations' leadership regularly informed of progress and challenges with the delivery of the ECMC Network Strategy
- Ensure appropriate links are built and developed between ECMC and the wider clinical research community

The Chair will be fully supported by ECMC Programme staff, for support with Programme management, communications, community identification and convening, partnership development, coordinating and running workshops as well as other event support.

## Key Responsibilities:

- Work with ECMC leads and the ECMC Programme Office and other key stakeholders to guide delivery of the ECMC Network strategy. This will include, but is not limited to, providing expert advice and guidance on prioritisation and sequencing of activities, identifying relevant KOLs, horizon scanning for new opportunities & advising on evaluation of the ECMC strategy.
- Chair the ECMC Strategy Board, working with the group to deliver key network activity and maintain momentum.
- Contribute to our engagement with industry to attract companies to the UK, by ensuring the ECMC has an internationally competitive offering.
- Support ECMC Communication activity, including acting as an ECMC spokesperson and representative, attending and speaking at key events to raise the networks profile and highlight its impact and credibility and contributing to key publications which provide thought leadership to the field.
- Develop an in-depth knowledge of the translational research capacities and capabilities across the ECMC network and advise on new ways to demonstrate the breadth of translational research activity within the network.
- Advise on the creation of the translational research forum and associated strategy to accelerate innovative translational research within the ECMC network, ensuring it is in line with the individual strategies of ECMC funders and will maximise and leverage other initiatives as appropriate.
- Act on behalf of the ECMC network to liaise with relevant initiatives (e.g. CRUK Centres, NIHR BRCs, RADNET, TDL, study specific working groups etc).
- Advise on the design and delivery of networking meetings, conferences and other activities as required, representing the ECMC network externally with appropriate credibility
- Able to act as a press spokesperson

## Key Technical Skills, Knowledge, Experience and Behaviours

### Expertise & experience:

- Recognised leader in experimental cancer medicine - must be an independent, senior researcher in experimental cancer medicine.
- Track record of being able to deliver strategic priorities through and with others.

- Knowledge of national and international clinical research environment.
- Experience of acting as a representative on national bodies.

### How to apply

Applications should include:

1. A short covering letter explaining why this appointment and its responsibilities interests you and how you meet the essential/desirable criteria as detailed in the person specification.
2. A brief vision statement (max three pages) highlighting the key research questions you think should be explored as part of the initiative and how you would facilitate the network to achieve the vision.
3. A curriculum vitae with education and professional qualifications and full employment history, giving details where applicable of budgets and numbers of people managed as well as relevant achievements in recent posts and latest remuneration.
4. A letter of support from your current head/dean of department/division/school or equivalent, confirming your organisation is supportive of your application to this role (max two pages).

The closing date for applications is 12pm on 30<sup>th</sup> October. Final interviews will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

CRUK will be helping to guide potential applicants; for an informal conversation about the role, please contact [Catherine.cowell@cancer.org.uk](mailto:Catherine.cowell@cancer.org.uk)

We know that in order to beat cancer for everyone, we need a workforce that represents our communities. We also need different perspectives to support finding innovative solutions to our challenges. We therefore actively encourage applications from candidates from diverse backgrounds, in particular those from ethnic minority backgrounds, who are currently under-represented.

Our *Equality, Diversity and Inclusion strategy* sets out how together we can make a difference to the inequalities in cancer, diversifying our research community and the way we engage with the public, as well as developing an inclusive culture for all staff that supports everyone to achieve their potential.

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