

UK Dementia Research Institute
(UCL Queen Square Institute of Neurology)

Director of Innovation and Business

The UK DRI is a very vibrant and rapidly growing research community that will soon number many hundreds of researchers. Supporting them is a seasoned and professional management and administrative group based in the UK DRI headquarters at UCL. We are looking for a Director of Innovation and Business to join the UK DRI as a senior member of the HQ group, to oversee all aspects of our innovation and technology transfer activities.

The UK DRI Director of Innovation and Business will be responsible for establishing our TT policies and procedures, managing our TT activities, educating our research community on TT potential, negotiating and managing licenses and other partnerships, and generally building a valuable TT and IP portfolio across our six sites in order to fully exploit discoveries emerging from our world-class research activities.

The Director of Innovation and Business will be part of the UK DRI headquarters leadership team. Reporting to the COO, s/he will also have close working relationships with the UK DRI Director, Prof. Bart De Strooper, other members of the science leadership team, the TT and BD offices of our partner universities, equivalent UK DRI functional heads for HR, IT, Comms, Finance and Science Affairs, colleagues across the UCL community, and UK DRI Ltd's independent Board of Trustees.

The successful candidate must hold Honours Degree and relevant postgraduate qualifications (MBA, PhD, MD, LLM etc) or relevant experience. The post holder will bring imagination, energy, expertise in TT, a strong understanding of the science, and valuable connections across the biomedical neuroscience TT community. Above all we are looking for someone with a proven track record of identifying, protecting and out-licensing academic research. The successful candidate will also be eager to take on a major new challenge within a programme that has many characteristics of a start-up. In return we offer an opportunity to build a TT and innovation programme from the ground up, excellent scientific partners, a collegial and dynamic work environment, an excellent package and the opportunity to make a tangible difference in our collective effort to conquer dementia.

The post is available immediately and is funded by the DRI for 5 years in the first instance. The post is graded as Grade 10 and as such comes with a competitive salary and benefits package.

You should apply for this post through UCL's online recruitment – www.ucl.ac.uk/hr/jobs, where you can download a job description and person specification using ref: 1799274

Queries concerning the role should be addressed to Dr. Adrian Ivinson, COO for the DRI (email: a.ivinson@ucl.ac.uk).

Queries regarding the application process should be addressed to Miss E. Bertram, HR Manager, UCL Queen Square Institute of Neurology, (email: ion.hradmin@ucl.ac.uk).

Closing Date: 25 April 2019

We particularly welcome applications from black and minority ethnic candidates as they are under-represented within UCL at this level. We will consider applications to work on a part-time, flexible and job share basis wherever possible.