

Director of Research

The Pillar Centre for Transformative Healthcare, MMUH.

Located in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, The Pillar Centre for Transformative Healthcare launched in November 2018 with the opening of a unique, flexible, interdisciplinary educational space within a hospital setting. Development of facilities is underway for clinical research, genomics, bio-banking, inter-disciplinary team training, education and innovation programme facilities to be co-located at the Pillar Centre.

The Pillar Centre for Transformative Healthcare invites applications for a **part-time** (10-20 Hours/week) **Director of Research**. Contract duration will be for a period of up to 2 years.

The post holder will contribute to the development of a research strategy at the Pillar Centre which is safe, effective and sustainable. To enable delivery of the research strategy, the post holder will ensure that the systems and processes within the organisation are fit for purpose to enable the organisation to deliver quality research that meet the requirements of the relevant regulations, legislation and guidelines that inform research.

The Director of Research will advise and support the Pillar Centre Management and Board of Directors in setting priorities for the development of research at the Pillar Centre. The Director of Research will be a member of the Research Ethics Committee at the MMUH

Hospital Job Responsibilities and Duties

The Director of Research is responsible for;

- Actively engaging core faculty in the planning, implementation, and assessment of research
- Support the Clinical Director of the Pillar Centre in the delivery of the research elements of the Pillar Centre Strategy 2020-2023;
 - Putting in place the appropriate processes, governance and technology to support research, innovation and education at the Pillar Centre
 - Pro-actively sharing, communicating and promoting our research internally and externally
 - Support investment in dedicated resources to support our research programme at the Pillar (Research Management Office)
 - Work with current research groups at the Mater to implement a research strategy for MMUH aligned to our core areas of expertise eg. Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease, Neuroscience, Trauma among others.
 - Support the development of out-patient facilities for patient research, including clinical trials
 - Support the integration of the CRC within the hospital
 - Support clinical research (clinical trials and investigator-initiated translational medicine)
 - Develop and support research talent to achieve their potential in delivering the research element of the hospital strategy
 - Drive the development of critical research infrastructure, including laboratory support, directly or through partnership
 - Support the development of the Pillar Centre as a focal point for clinical research management (regulatory affairs, quality assurance, clinical trial implementation, data storage and analytics)

- Promotes the role of the Pillar Centre as a resource to the Mater Community providing opportunities to conduct research
- Provide reports the Pillar Centre Board of Directors on the research activities / output of the Pillar Centre
- Fundraise as appropriate for research at the Pillar Centre

We seek a collegial individual who will have a robust knowledge of the Irish and international research environment, challenges, initiatives and opportunities and research agency agenda in the healthcare sector.

The post holder will receive the support of the Pillar Centre Management during their time in post. Administrative support will be made available to the post holder.

Essential Tasks and Functions

- Develops, executes, and plans the strategic initiatives for research and professional practice within the Pillar Centre
- Foster an environment that develops strong relationships and trust with and among participants and creates an inclusive space for conversation about research (MMUH Research Forum)
- Promoting and facilitating leading-edge research, including collaborative and interdisciplinary research, in areas related to the goals of the Hospital
- Building, and providing sufficient support for, a community of innovative researchers to enhance research capacity at the Hospital and to increase internal and external research opportunities
- Where applicable, developing mutually beneficial linkages with industry in order to develop partnerships and collaborative research
- Transferring knowledge to society through outreach (e.g. collaborative research; seminars; workshops; lectures; websites; publications) and, where applicable, through technology transfer (e.g. collaborative research; contract work; and commercialization of intellectual property)
- Establish Formal links with funding agencies (HRB, SFI etc.)
- Developing strong linkages with appropriate academic partners (UCD, RCSI, RCPI) and others.
- Help co-ordinate MD, PhD programmes with UCD and academic partners as appropriate
- Identifies, collects and analyses the impact of research facilitated at the Pillar Centre
- Maximize available resources for the research program
- Liaise with Training Leads in the Hospital / Hospital Groups
- Support the Pillar Centre Management in the development of the following infrastructure;
 - MMUH/UCD Clinical Research Centre on site
 - Centre for Translational Medicine
 - Innovative Genomics Initiative
 - HRB Clinical Trials Networks
 - Bio-banking facilities
 - Early Phase Clinical Trials

Hospital Skills and Qualifications

Permanent Member of MMUH Consultant Staff

- Achievement-oriented and results focused
- Proven leadership skills, the ability to generate enthusiasm, to motivate and to innovate
- Experience and achievement in postgraduate research
- Ability to work positively as a member of the senior management team of the Pillar Centre for Transformative Healthcare
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills

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