



### **Principal/Senior Scientist - neurodegenerative disease drug discovery**

Talisman Therapeutics Ltd is a neuroscience-focused drug discovery company based in Cambridge, UK. Building upon the world class knowledge and skills of its team, Talisman develops and employs proprietary human stem cell models of neurodegenerative disease, to advance the development of novel therapeutics via both internal and external collaborative projects. This is an exciting time to join the company as we develop and expand our research programmes.

We are currently recruiting for a **Principal/Senior Scientist** to lead existing projects and develop novel research areas as a senior member of our expanding team. This is an opportunity for a dynamic, intellectually curious scientist to lead and develop a research group focused on the cell and molecular biology of neurodegeneration and neuroinflammation. The ideal candidate will combine enthusiasm for active bench research with team leadership and in-depth scientific knowledge. In addition to directing a research group, day-to-day tasks include development and exploitation of human stem cell models and analysis of disease-relevant biology to support drug discovery. Projects are wide-ranging, including novel target identification and validation, whole genome and small molecule disease modification screens, as well as exploring mechanistic biology of novel therapeutics. We are looking for a scientific leader who is able to work independently, and wants to make a difference as part of an experienced, collaborative team.

#### **Key areas of responsibility:**

- Research team leadership and line management of junior team members;
- Design and management of research projects (internal and external);
- Design, execution, analysis and interpretation of experimental work to support drug discovery from target identification through to candidate profiling in human stem cell systems;
- Effective communication of findings (verbal and written).

#### **Essential skills and qualifications:**

Essential qualifications are a minimum of a 2.1 class honours degree in the biological or physical sciences and a PhD in the biological or physical sciences. Essential skills include advanced hands-on expertise in at least one of: molecular/cell biology, cell culture, neuroscience, neurodegeneration or inflammation research, together with experience in supervising and leading the research of junior colleagues. We require a minimum of five years' postdoctoral research experience in academic and/or commercial settings, and to have had direct responsibility for management of a team of researchers as a group leader, lecturer or independent fellow.

#### **Employee benefits:**

The role will be based at the Babraham Research Campus, Cambridge. We offer excellent compensation and benefits that reflect the strong company commitment to employee wellbeing. Our benefits include a 4.5-day week for all staff to enable work-life-balance, an Employee Share Option Scheme, a non-contributory Life Assurance scheme, and access to cycle-purchase and childcare vouchers schemes. Salary will be in the region of £42,000-£52,000 depending on experience. Should you wish to be considered for this position,

please send a CV and covering letter to [recruitment@talisman-therapeutics.com](mailto:recruitment@talisman-therapeutics.com) by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 12:00 noon. Informal enquiries about the position may be directed to Dr Clare Jones, Head of R&D ([clare@talisman-therapeutics.com](mailto:clare@talisman-therapeutics.com)).