

Join one of the world's leading centres for cancer drug discovery



The Centre for Cancer Drug Discovery (CCDD) at The Institute of Cancer Research (ICR) is a multidisciplinary team of 160 staff with the mission to discover novel therapeutics for the treatment of cancer and progress them to hypothesis-testing clinical trials.

Together with the Centre for Target Validation (CTV), we focus on identification of the best targets for drug discovery, capitalising on the innovative discovery science of the ICR.

We discover small molecule therapeutics with a broad range of modalities, including protein degradation and induced proximity, with our Centre for Protein Degradation (CPD).

We have discovered 21 clinical candidates and have 2 approved drugs.

The ICR and the CCDD are seeking three experienced drug discovery biologists to join us in our mission to discover new medicines for cancer. Successful candidates will be Faculty group leaders, leading a lab that contributes to our drug discovery portfolio and research goals. They will act as Biology or Project Leaders for one or more drug discovery programmes, explore target biology and molecular mechanisms, and contribute to therapeutic hypotheses and patient selection criteria. A track record in target validation or drug discovery is required; industry experience is valued.

Head of Biology, CCDD, will provide scientific leadership for biology drug discovery, champion scientific excellence, and work with the CCDD leadership team to provide strategic direction for the drug discovery portfolio.

They will lead and support on funding applications and promote an entrepreneurial mindset to attract commercial funding into ICR's drug discovery research.

They will forge and maintain collaborations with academic, commercial and clinical partners within the ICR and the wider community.

The role requires excellence in cancer biology and demonstrable experience of leading drug discovery from the target identification to candidate selection stages.

Director of CTV will collaborate with scientists across the ICR to identify target validation projects with therapeutic potential.

Working with the CTV Deputy Director, they will deliver bespoke, hypothesis-driven data packages to support decision-making for the launch of drug discovery projects and will ensure that ICR discovery science is effectively translated to drug discovery programmes.

Leadership experience in cancer target validation, as evidenced by publication and/or successful commercial projects is required.

Group Leader, oncology drug discovery biology, will lead an independent research group in an area of biology relevant to cancer drug discovery.

They will contribute to a robust drug discovery pipeline and work collaboratively to deliver drug candidates and secure funding for CCDD drug discovery science.

The role requires a track record of drug discovery biology impact that may include successful target selection and validation, lead optimisation and discovery of clinical candidates, and/or identification of biomarkers for patient selection and response.

Please send a CV and brief statement of interest, highlighting drug discovery experience, to Abby Cook (abby.cook@icr.ac.uk) or Colin Kwok (colin.kwok@icr.ac.uk).

Questions and enquiries welcome at the same email addresses.

We welcome applications from all qualified candidates; researchers from groups underrepresented in scientific leadership roles are especially encouraged to apply.