



Collaborating for Cures

### **Senior Director, Science Programs**

Break Through Cancer is a new type of foundation that empowers outstanding researchers and physicians to intercept, as well as find cures, for the deadliest cancers by stimulating radical collaboration. BTC is a first-of-its-kind collaboration of five of the top cancer research centers in the world: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center, MIT's Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Break Through Cancer is focused on several of the world's deadliest cancers: initially glioblastoma, AML, ovarian, and pancreas cancers. These are diseases with poor prognoses for which progress has been very slow. We are looking beyond conventional therapies, utilizing new strategies, structures, and thinking from across disciplines, with the goal of enabling discoveries at an unprecedented pace. Since its inception in 2021, Break Through Cancer has made investments totaling over \$100M in an ambitious scientific portfolio.

Making project teams across five institutions function as if they were all working within the same laboratory requires world-class program management, including strengthening relationships and alliances, overseeing compliance/IRB and intellectual property obligations, and managing projects and deliverables to succeed on appropriate timelines. Projects include substantial executional complexity including complex relationships with academic, hospital, and industry partners. Resolving complexity and engaging scientific teams closely to empower project teams and deliver impact is critical to Break Through Cancer's success.

**Break Through Cancer seeks an organized, passionate, and enthusiastic Senior Director of Science Programs to oversee the execution of the Foundation's portfolio.** Reporting to the Chief Science Officer, the Senior Director will manage the Portfolio Management team, who liaise directly with funded TeamLabs to manage timelines and deliverables.

Responsibilities include:

- Working closely with the Chief Science Officer, BTC Scientific Portfolio Managers, and members of funded teams to monitor the implementation of scientific and clinical plans, and assist where necessary;
- Working closely with the Chief Operations Officer and administrators at the Partner Institutions to understand and facilitate solutions for operational challenges;
- Proactively identify cross-institutional research challenges and develop solutions for timely resolution of risks/issues (e.g. management of human subjects, intellectual property, material transfer agreements, contingencies, timelines, and resources);
- Overseeing the annual strategic planning and budgeting process for each TeamLab in collaboration with the Chief Financial Officer and the Scientific Portfolio Managers; Developing metrics that focus on measuring success, scalability, cost effectiveness, and overall process efficiencies of the BTC Portfolio;
- Ensuring that TeamLabs are managed consistently, drive implementation of program management best practices, standard tools, and approaches, and partnering with the Chief Science Officer to convene and manage TeamLab Steering Committees; and

- Working closely with the Senior Director of Strategic Alliances and members of the BTC Industry Partner Alliance (IPA) to ensure the successful scientific and operational implementation of IPA project plans within each TeamLab;
- Other duties as required.

### **Qualifications**

- 7 years of experience in operational leadership for a complex scientific organization and/or project management in a highly matrixed organization;
- Master's degree or MBA required; PhD a plus
- Deep understanding of biomedical research;
- Experience working with and managing cross-functional teams;
- Strong facilitation, problem-solving, and conflict/issue resolution skills;
- Adaptive leadership style with ability to influence teams without formal authority; demonstrated ability to collaborate across multiple stakeholder groups;
- Excellent interpersonal /relationship management skills and proven ability to facilitate internal/external alignment; and
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills

To apply for this position, please submit a cover letter and cv to: [info@breakthroughcancer.org](mailto:info@breakthroughcancer.org) In your cover letter, please answer the following:

1. What has motivated you to apply for the Senior Director, Science Programs role at Break Through Cancer, and in particular, what inspires you to work for a foundation that is dedicated to cancer research?
2. Describe your experience leading and managing multi-institutional collaborations
3. Provide examples of how you have navigated politically complex and matrixed environments

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