

Executive Director, Canadian Partnership for Tomorrow Project Canadian Partnership Against Cancer Corporation

The Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (the Partnership) is seeking an experienced leader to fill the position of Executive Director for the Canadian Partnership for Tomorrow Project (Cohort Project) – the largest cohort research study undertaken in Canada. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record leading an organization at a national or provincial level, be able to cultivate strong relationships with stakeholders to advance the development and implementation phases of the project, and be extremely knowledgeable of the Canadian health research environment.

The Cohort Project will explore how factors such as genetics, behaviour, environment and lifestyle contribute to the development of cancer and other chronic diseases. The goal is to enroll and follow 300,000 Canadian adults aged 35 to 69 for over two decades to support leading edge Canadian and international trans-disciplinary population health and chronic disease research.

The Partnership is one of the key funders of the Cohort Project and has assumed responsibility for establishing the project's key infrastructure. The Partnership is an independent organization funded by the federal government to accelerate action on cancer control for all Canadians. It brings together cancer survivors, patients and families, cancer experts and government representatives to implement the first pan-Canadian cancer control strategy. The Partnership's vision is to be a driving force to achieve a focused approach that will help prevent cancer, enhance the quality of life of those affected by cancer, lessen the likelihood of dying from cancer, and increase the efficiency of cancer control in Canada.

General Responsibilities

In this position, the Executive Director will oversee the business of the National Coordinating Centre for the Cohort Project including the coordination of pan-Canadian activities, communications to stakeholders and fundraising efforts. The Executive Director will also develop a strategy to successfully steer the project towards its vision in the short and long term.

Other key responsibilities include:

- Provide leadership with respect to the strategic positioning of the Cohort Project on the Canadian health research landscape
- Act as spokesperson to promote the Project and its vision with partners, stakeholders, the scientific community and the public to garner support and continue to build momentum for the project
- Champion the project with international partners with a view to collaboration or to identify opportunities to showcase the Project and its findings
- Develop and execute a strategic plan for the Cohort Project that will guide the organization throughout all phases of the project, including long-term funding security
- Establish and manage the necessary capacity and infrastructure within the National Coordinating Centre in order for it to meet its business objectives, i.e. financial, human resources, information technology, etc.
- Work with provincial Principal Investigators to ensure the project is on track

- Liaise with key funders including the Partnership about the status of the project as required
- Create other key partnerships necessary to develop and sustain the project
- Work with partners to identify, secure and increase access to new sources of research funding
- Other related responsibilities as requested

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A minimum of 10 years related experience at a senior management level within the health research environment in Canada
- Extensive experience in research administration within the health sector
- Proven skills in the development and implementation of an operational strategy
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Persuasive negotiation skills to develop partnerships and secure new funding sources
- Knowledge of current philosophies and initiatives of cancer research funding agencies in Canada
- In-depth understanding of funding agency and university partnerships in Canada
- Demonstrated ability to oversee large, multi-provincial programs an asset
- Proven leadership, advisory and consultation skills.
- Excellent evaluative and analytic skills.