

# Join Our recently established Finnish Drug Discovery Center!

Are you passionate about making a difference in the pharmaceutical industry? Do you have expertise in target identification and validation, pharmacology, or medicinal discovery chemistry and/or antibody generation? If so, we want to hear from you!

*Finnish Drug Discovery Center is a special assignment company wholly owned by the State of Finland. The core purpose of the company is to assist in the evaluation of promising drug candidates, plan and implement research and development, and create an effective channel for the international financing and commercial success of pharmaceutical innovations.*

We are seeking several experienced professionals, reporting to the CSO, with excellent collaborative and communicational skills, and with a background in the pharmaceutical industry to fill e.g. the following roles

## Director for Target Identification and/or Pharmacology

### Key Responsibilities:

- Identify and validate new drug targets.
- Design pharmacological studies to prove and understand the mechanism of action of drug candidates.
- Collaborate with academic groups and CROs and lead cross-functional teams to advance drug discovery projects.

### Qualifications:

- Advanced degree (Ph.D. or equivalent) in Pharmacology, Molecular/Cell Biology, or a related field.
- Proven experience in target validation and pharmacology.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.

## Director for Medicinal/Discovery Chemistry and/or Antibody Generation

### Key Responsibilities:

- Design hit finding strategies
- Design novel small molecules for drug discovery & development
- Design biological drugs / antibodies for drug development
- Optimize lead compounds for efficacy, safety, and pharmacokinetic properties.
- Work with CROs and collaborator biologists and pharmacologists to drive projects forward.

### Qualifications:

- Advanced degree (Ph.D. or equivalent) in Medicinal Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, or a related field.
- Extensive experience in medicinal chemistry and drug/antibody design.
- Excellent knowledge of modern synthetic chemistry techniques.

## Why Join Us? Finnish Drug Discovery Center is offering:

**Innovative Environment:** Be part of teams that are pushing the boundaries of science and technology for Finnish innovations.

**Professional Growth:** Opportunities for continuous learning and career advancement.

**Collaborative Culture:** Work alongside passionate and dedicated pharma and academic professionals.

**Impactful Work:** Contribute to projects that have the potential to transform healthcare.

**How to Apply:** We are carrying out these recruitments together with our partner JFP Executive Search Oy. If you are excited about the opportunity to join our team, please send your resume and a cover letter detailing your relevant experience and salary request through the JFP Executive Search Oy website at <https://www.jfp.fi/en/contact/> or via email to [jfp@jfp.fi](mailto:jfp@jfp.fi). Include the position title and the name of our company in the title of your email and Cover Letter. We invite you to apply for this unique position by Sunday 8.9.2024. In confidential inquiries contact Senior Partner Heikki Vahtera, JFP Executive Search Oy, p. +358 40 546 2751 on Tuesday 27.8. between 15–17 or Chief Scientific Officer Pekka Kallio, Finnish Drug Discovery Center Ltd, p. +358 400 279 289 on Thursday 5.9. between 9-10.30.

We look forward to hearing from you!