

Expert II Data Science, Cargo Design

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USA

Summary

This position will be located at the San Diego site and will not have the ability to be located remotely. Please note that this role would not provide relocation and only local candidates will be considered.

Internal Title: Expert II Data Science

We are recruiting a highly motivated and innovative Bioinformatics/Data Scientist, to join our multidisciplinary team advancing next-generation gene therapy programs. This role offers a unique opportunity to drive the design, optimization, and evaluation of gene therapy payloads, working at the intersection of computational biology, high-throughput experimentation, and therapeutic discovery. The successful candidate will contribute to projects that integrate cutting-edge bioinformatics, machine learning, and functional genomics to accelerate the development of transformative gene therapies.

About the Role

Key Responsibilities:

- Designing, implementing, and maintaining custom computational pipelines for analysis of bulk and single-cell sequencing data, including but not limited to RNA-Seq, smRNA-seq, scRNA-seq, and scATAC-seq.
- Applying machine learning, statistical modeling, and data integration approaches to guide large-scale functional screens with the goal of identifying and optimizing functional elements for gene therapy payloads.
- Developing scalable, reproducible, and well-documented pipelines for quality control, processing, and integrative analysis of diverse high-throughput sequencing datasets.
- Integrating publicly available and internal datasets to uncover actionable biological insights that inform payload design.
- Staying current with emerging technologies and advances in bioinformatics, gene therapy, and synthetic biology, and proactively propose innovative approaches to improve experimental design and analysis.
- Presenting results, methodologies, and key insights to multidisciplinary teams and stakeholders through clear visualizations, written reports, and scientific presentations.

Essential Requirements:

- Educational Background: Ph.D Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, Computer Science (recent Ph.D. welcome to apply) OR MS degree in bioinformatics, computational biology, computer science, structural biology or a related field with 4 years of relevant industry research experience
- Proficiency in developing and deploying NGS data analysis pipelines, with expertise in Python, R, and workflow management tools.
- Hands-on experience with single-cell data analysis and familiarity with key tools and algorithms in the field.

- Strong track record of applying machine learning to genomics problems, supported by peer-reviewed publications.
- Excellent interpersonal and written communication skills; capable of effectively engaging with collaborators across scientific and technical disciplines.
- Independent and critical thinker with strong problem-solving skills, a collaborative mindset, and the ability to thrive in a dynamic team environment.

Desired Requirements

- Solid understanding of gene therapy principles, including AAV vector engineering, promoter/enhancer function, and payload design considerations.

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Biomedical Research

Business Unit

Pharma Research

Location

USA

State

California

Site

San Diego (California)

Company / Legal Entity

U175 (FCRS = US175) Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research, Inc.

Functional Area

Data and Digital

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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