

## Mito Foundation Employment Opportunity Research Manager

Applications open until Thursday 4 August 2022

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*Join Mito Foundation in this new, key role, at an exciting time of growth to drive and expand the capacity and impact of the Mito Foundation's research-related activities!*

### About Mitochondrial Disease

Mitochondrial disease (mito) is a potentially fatal genetic disorder that robs the body's cells of the energy needed to sustain life. Only relatively recently identified and originally thought to be a rare disorder (affecting one in 20,000 people), it is now known that one in 5,000 live births will result in a life-threatening form of mito. Furthermore, one in 200 people carry genetic mutations that put them at risk of developing milder forms of mito or unknowingly passing it on to their children.

### About Mito Foundation

The Mito Foundation's purpose is to end the suffering from mito and our vision is to be the catalyst for energy, hope and cures for every Australian impacted by mito.

Based in our head office in Surry Hills in Sydney, the Mito Foundation offers flexible and family-friendly working arrangements with attractive salary packing options leveraging the Foundation's FBT exemption status to maximise your take home pay.

Mito Foundation supports individuals impacted by mito and their families via:

- Improving the experience for mito patients and families by offering a range of Mito Foundation and community generated activities that result in the mito community feeling cared for, heard, supported and empowered
- Driving research into mito by identifying and funding strategic research initiatives that improve diagnosis and translate into preventions, treatments and cures
- Transforming outcomes for mito patients and families by advocating and educating appropriate stakeholders to achieve equitable access to high quality diagnosis, treatment and support
- Strengthening our organisation through excellent governance, financial security, capacity and capability.

### About The Role

Mito Foundation is seeking a driven, strategic-thinking, and highly communicative Research Manager to strengthen our research program and the impact of our funding on driving better health outcomes for people impacted by mito.

## **Responsibilities include**

### **Lead Mito Foundation's Research Strategy**

- Develop, maintain and execute the foundation's research strategy, informing the target of investment of the annual circa \$2m budget (with strong growth targets) to maximise the impact of Mito Foundation-funded research
- Envision and implement strategies to increase other investment in mito-related research including government, philanthropy, industry and venture capital – in Australia and internationally
- Contribute to the Mito Foundation's overall strategy as part of the Leadership Team

### **Engage the Mito Community**

- Work with the Australian mito community to educate them on mito research and engage them in research opportunities including research co-design, research studies and clinical trials

### **Collaborate across Mito Researchers**

- Identify research collaboration potential and catalyse those collaborations among mitochondrial disease researchers worldwide

### **Collaborate across our Organisation**

- Support the Policy & Advocacy team's efforts to drive policy initiatives relating to/stemming from research-related activities
- Work with the Communications team to engage the Australian mito research workforce in topics related to mito research, including achievements of researchers, available funding opportunities and thought leadership communications
- Maintain Mito Foundation's knowledge of funding opportunities for mito research and support the Fundraising team's efforts to raise funds for Mito Foundation research-related activities including engaging with donors and supporters as necessary to represent the Mito Foundation Research Program
- As part of the impact evaluation approach, lead the development of research impact messaging to help build the profile of foundation's role in mito research and to support communications and fundraising initiatives.

### **Lead Mito Foundation's Research Grant-Making and Evaluation**

- Drive the foundation's grant-making activities including promotion, assembling and coordinating review committees, communicating recommendations to the board and overseeing grant agreements
- Drive the foundation's impact evaluation approach for its grant-making activities

## **A successful candidate must have:**

Post graduate qualifications in science (e.g. cell biology, biochemistry, genetics, etc.)

5+ years' post graduate scientific research experience with a successful level of achievement

Knowledge of the Australian and international research landscape – from basic to translational science, clinical research including clinical trials and psychosocial research

Absolutely exemplary interpersonal, written and spoken communication skills with the ability to adjust style to suit audience requirements and articulate complex scientific concepts in lay terms

The gravitas to establish and foster relationships with researchers at all levels – this role will be the face of Mito Foundation research-related activities

An ability to champion the development and execution of Mito Foundation's research investment strategy

The ability to self-manage and determine the best course of action in ambiguous situations

Energy, drive, creativity and passion with a high impact focus

### **The following would be advantageous:**

Knowledge of/experience with consumer involvement in research including co-design

Knowledge of mitochondrial disease, mitochondrial dysfunction, metabolics and/or neurology

Experience or strong interest in the not-for-profit sector

### **How to apply**

Please call or email Nellorie Icton to arrange an initial, confidential discussion with Mito Foundation's CEO about the role prior to formally applying via **Ethical Jobs**. **Ensure that enough time is allowed to subsequently submit the formal application** prior to the application deadline. Nellorie can be reached on (02) 8033 4113 or [nellorie.iceton@mito.org.au](mailto:nellorie.iceton@mito.org.au) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.