



# Institute of Myology

Paris, France

## **DIRECTOR OF THE RESEARCH CENTER IN MYOLOGY / MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

The Institute of Myology located in Paris, at the heart of Europe's biggest hospital, the Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital is one of the largest reference centers entirely dedicated to neuromuscular diseases. The Institute of Myology was created in 1996 under the leadership of AFM-Telethon, one of the largest patient organizations in the world. It operates in partnership with five public institutions: the Public Assistance – Paris Hospitals (Assistance publique -Hôpitaux de Paris – AP-HP), the French National Health and Medical Research Institute (Institut National de la Santé and de la Recherche Médicale – INSERM), University Pierre et Marie Curie (UPMC), France's Atomic Energy Commission (Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique – CEA), and the National Center of Scientific Research (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique – CNRS).

The main goal of the Institute is to promote the recognition and development of myology as a medical and scientific discipline per se, and as an innovative model for medical research and cure. With a patient-driven perspective, the Institute of Myology coordinates the medical management, basic, applied and clinical research, as well as educational programs. The Institute of Myology runs over 30 clinical trials and clinical studies, mainly concerning neuromuscular diseases but also muscle damage related to (high performance) sports or ageing.

With 250 physicians, researchers, engineers, paramedics, doctoral and post-doctoral fellows, and many experts from other fields, the Institute of Myology brings together diverse and complementary skills from basic research to therapies. It enables the follow-up a great deal of patients (27,000 since its beginning, on a yearly average of 4500 consultations). As an integrated part of the Institute of Myology, a recent pediatric clinical investigation center, named i-Motion was recently launched in a separate facility still located in Paris (Hôpital Trousseau), thus complementing the existing adult clinical investigation center of the Institute.

Our center has supported and conducted many research projects that led to improving the molecular-level understanding of fundamental myogenesis and pathogenic processes, and discovering approaches to treat muscle and motoneuron disorders.

Our annual budget is about \$20 million.

Research supported by the Institute of Myology through its Research Center in Myology (UPMC / INSERM UMR 974, CNRS FRE 3617), 8 teams, takes a multifaceted approach to problems in genetics, pathophysiology, therapies (DNA/RNA/cell-based therapies as well as pharmacology), functional evaluation in small and large animals as well as in humans, with implications for more than one disease category. Areas involve : regeneration, cellular and animal models of normal and pathologic muscles and motoneurons, inflammatory and autoimmune neuromuscular diseases. Partners are both academic and private (with small and large biotechs, with big pharma companies). A

dedicated team of 18 clinicians and fellows takes care of a number of clinical trials and natural history studies ( ~ 30 to date) in various neuromuscular diseases. This is done under mutual contract agreements, but it may also lead to the incorporation of start-up companies.

Information about the Institute of Myology is available at <http://www.institut-myologie.org/en/about-us/>

The Institute of Myology is seeking exceptional candidates for the position of Director of the Research Center in Myology Research / Medical Director. Ideally, the candidate would be the same for the two positions.

In close collaboration with the Chief Operating Officer, the Director of the Research Center in Myology /Medical Director plan(s) and direct(s) a program of research grants, contracts, and collaborations. He (they) has(have) an international stature with worldwide connections and a widely recognized expertise in the management of research and clinical trials in the neuromuscular diseases field.

Together with our brother Institutes (Genethon, I-Stem and Atlantic Gene Therapies, part of the AFM-Telethon laboratories), the Director of the Research Center in Myology /Medical Director will coordinate the scientific and strategic aspects of an ongoing project of creation of a larger Foundation fully dedicated to Muscle.

This dual position offers important opportunities to promote scientific breakthroughs and to lead decisive changes in the field.

**Qualifications:** Candidates must possess an M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent degree in a field relevant to the position. The ideal candidate will have considerable research experience and track record, and will possess a broad spectrum of scientific knowledge related to the Institute of Myology missions. Significant practice and/or knowledge in clinical trials would be highly considered. In addition, candidates should possess recognized research management and leadership abilities.

**Salary/Benefits:** Salary is competitive and will be commensurate with the expected strong experience of the candidate. A full package of State Civil Service benefits is available, including: University faculty position, retirement, health and life insurance, long term care insurance.

**How to Apply:** Applicants must submit a current curriculum vitae, bibliography, copy of degree, and full contact details. In addition, applicants are asked to prepare two statements: a vision statement and a statement that addresses the specific qualification requirements (please limit the statements to two pages each). The Institute of Myology will be accepting applications from **January 20, 2016. The deadline for submission is fixed on February 29, 2016.** Please send your application package to

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