

DIRECTOR AT THE PERE VIRGILI HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUT (IISPV) CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Pere Virgili Health Research Institute (hereinafter IISPV) is an institution created as a result of an agreement for scientific collaboration between the following institutions: the Catalan Institute of Health (ICS) [University Hospital Joan XXIII in Tarragona (HUTJ23), Hospital de Tortosa Verge de la Cinta (HTVC), Department of Primary Health Care (APS)], Sagessa Group [University Hospital Sant Joan de Reus (HUSJR), Department of Primary health Care (APS)], Pere Mata Group [University Psychiatric Hospital Pere Mata Institute (HPUIPM)] and the Rovira i Virgili University (URV).

The territorial nature of action of these institutions are the province of Tarragona and Terres de l'Ebre.

IISPV is a CERCA Research Institution supported by a Foundation. CERCA is the public Catalan network of research Institutes (www.cerca.cat).

The IISPV's Mission is to promote quality biomedical research, which integrates the basic sciences, clinics and training, and leads to improve the quality of life of people.

IISPV undertakes its research mainly in three areas:

- Nutrition and Metabolism
- Mental health
- Infectious diseases and toxicology

Candidate profile and contact information

IISPV is seeking applicants with a distinguished record of scientific excellence and the innovative thinking necessary to lead a dynamic organisation. He/She should have a PhD, a certain level of clinical background, and experience in managing international research projects.

Salary will be commensurate with experience and the dedication will be valued. Knowledge of the Spanish Scientific environment and a MD degree will be considered an added value, as well as professional experience in an inter-institutional environment. Moreover, incorporation to IISPV in a 6 months period after the selection process will be also considered an added value.

Applicants should send a CV and a cover letter by e-mail to the Director of CERCA at applications@cerca.cat. The appointment will be for a period of 4 years, which could be extended in agreement with the Board of Trustees of the Foundation.

Job description

The director will have the following duties:

- Provide scientific vision and strategic goals for the IISPV.
- Submit the Centre's research activities programme and annual operational budget to the Board of trustees.
- Represent the Centre at official and social events, in coordination with the President and other members of the Board of trustees.
- Keep CERCA regularly informed of the Centre's progress.
- Any other functions that might be approved by the Board of Trustees

The Director will be responsible for:

- Devising a strategic plan and monitoring its implementation.
- Presenting the Director's Report at meetings of the Board of trustees.
- Proposing to names of members of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) to the Board of trustees, keeping it informed about major changes, and organising the regular meetings.
- Participating in the periodic CERCA evaluation of IISPV.

- Coordinating periodic scientific assessments of IISPV's research programmes and core facilities, and implementing recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB).
- Supervising the implementation of financial aspects of the budget.
- Negotiating contracts for new group leaders or programme coordinators, whenever appropriate.
- Participating in strategic decision-making, such as in the case of strategic alliances with other research institutions, in line with IISPV's mission, structure and background.

The Director will be assisted by a management committee. This committee is approved by the Board of Trustees with the approval of the SAB.

Selection of candidates

Suitable candidates will be identified in a ranked list by three members of the SAB, drawing upon the input of any other expert that the SAB might require.

The Board of trustees will be responsible for the final steps of the selection process and CERCA is delegated to manage all steps in this selection process. The Board of trustees may create an ad hoc Commission involving some of its members in order to provide a short list of the preselected candidates. Candidates included in the short list may be invited to visit the IISPV and meet the ad hoc Commission for a final interview. The results of these interviews would be presented to the Board of trustees. This will designate the new Director.

Approximate Calendar

July 22th Call for applications opens deadline

September 19th Application deadline ends

October 5th List of prioritized candidates by SAB

October 19th Short list of pre-selected candidates chosen by the ad hoc Commission

October 26th Appointment announced