



## Associate Director-Director, Discovery Program Lead, Medicinal Chemistry

Arkuda Therapeutics is a biotechnology company leveraging new insights in lysosome biology to develop medicines for changing the trajectory of neurodegenerative diseases such as frontotemporal dementia (FTD), Parkinson's disease (PD), Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and Alzheimer's disease (AD). Arkuda's lead program aims to correct progranulin deficiency and lysosomal dysfunction in granulin-related frontotemporal dementia (FTD-GRN), a genetically defined subtype of frontotemporal dementia caused by an autosomal dominant mutation in the GRN gene. We are seeking an exceptional medicinal chemist to expand our group's capabilities. A successful candidate will be energetic, creative, flexible, and flourish in a team-based setting.

This position will be responsible for the medicinal chemistry leadership of discovery projects and will operate out of our site in Watertown, MA, reporting to the Vice President of Medicinal Chemistry. Successful candidates will be action-oriented self-starters with a strong record of accomplishment in medicinal chemistry and project leadership. Excellent written and oral communication skills are required, as is the ability to actively manage external chemistry resources and thrive in our collaborative, multidisciplinary environment. We are looking for a team member who will embrace our core values of putting people and patients first, in a fast-paced workplace that encourages growth and learning.

### Responsibilities:

- Lead medicinal chemistry projects from hit generation through the lead optimization process, delivering high quality clinical candidates to the Arkuda pipeline, utilizing, and closely managing, external chemistry resources
- Design and characterize new small molecules for synthesis and testing
- Partner closely with biology and pharmacology colleagues to meet timelines for delivery of program goals and be an active contributor to new project proposals/evaluations
- Work closely with external counsel and CRO chemistry resources to protect the company's IP by preparing patent documents
- Clear and effective communication of project updates to key stakeholders

### Experience and skills required:

- A Ph.D. in organic chemistry with 5-10 years of industrial experience practicing medicinal chemistry with a track record in the continuum from hit generation to development candidate delivery
- Subject matter expert in synthetic organic chemistry background and its application to problem solving in medicinal chemistry
- Sound knowledge of adjacent disciplines (DMPK, Biology, Safety) and a passion to explore beyond traditional medicinal chemistry boundaries (e.g. Chemical Biology, new modalities)
- Outstanding written and oral communication skills.
- Sustained level of scientific accomplishment as evidenced by a track record of significant publications

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