



ECRIN-ERIC - The European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network jointly with PtCRIN - Portuguese Clinical Research Infrastructure Network are currently searching for its office based in NOVA Medical School | Faculdade de Ciências Médicas da Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal an:

EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENT

ECRIN-ERIC, (www.ecrin.org) is a not-for profit distributed infrastructure established upon the Council regulation (EC) N° 723/2009 of 25 June 2009 on the Community legal framework for a European Research infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) legal status, to provide support to multinational clinical research projects in Europe.

ECRIN is based on the connection of national networks of clinical research infrastructures (clinical research centres, clinical trial units).

ECRIN provides information, consulting and services to investigators and sponsors in the preparation and in the conduct of multinational clinical studies, for any category of clinical research and in any disease are, particularly for investigator-initiated clinical trials.

ECRIN is also involved as partner in different projects funded by the 7th Framework Programme of the European Union or by the IMI-JU (Innovative Medicine Initiative-Joint Undertaking (IMI-JU)).

PtCRIN (web.fcm.unl.pt/ptcrin/) is a network of Portuguese Clinical Research Centers and Clinical Trials Units aiming to facilitate and improve quality in clinical research and to increase national and international research collaboration for the benefit of patients, citizens and the healthcare system.

Roles and Responsibilities:

This is a unique opportunity for a motivated individual who wishes to further develop his/her career in clinical research and his/her experience of multinational research projects. The ECRIN-ERIC European Correspondent for Portugal plays a pivotal role in the coordination of the activities within the ECRIN-ERIC, strengthening the interaction of ECRIN-ERIC and the national network PtCRIN - Portuguese Clinical Research Infrastructure Network Consortium, in order to facilitate and support participation in European multinational collaborations and within the national network.

The main duties of the ECRIN-ERIC European Correspondent will include the following:

- Providing the key contact point in Portugal for ECRIN-ERIC and the network of European Correspondents in other ECRIN countries.
- Participating, as part of the ECRIN-ERIC Management Office, in the development and maintenance of ECRIN Quality Assurance systems, and

regulatory knowledge facilitating the activity of the national representatives in the ECRIN activities

- Providing advice and support to national investigators and sponsors wishing to develop European multinational studies through ECRIN, providing the key communication link with other ECRIN partners through the network of European Correspondents
- Providing support to foreign investigators and sponsors wishing to undertake clinical research studies in Portugal, ensuring that information relating to foreign studies are appropriately disseminated to national and international researchers.
- Provide leadership for ECRIN- adopted clinical projects carried out in Portugal and participating in the management of multinational projects within the national network as well as in services provided by ECRIN as appropriate
- Ensure that specific pieces of project work under the ECRIN initiative are introduced and completed successfully, in line with planned timelines and contribute to the delivery of these projects
- Compiling and distributing regular communications about the progress of ECRIN projects and details of new initiatives to national network
- Ensure that ECRIN-ERIC activities and mission are communicated efficiently to other stakeholders in Portugal. Particularly the information should be timely distributed within the national partners ensuring that they have the opportunity to contribute to relevant initiatives on time
- Be required to work closely with other members of national network, research stakeholders and Portugal regulatory authorities and any other relevant professional bodies/organisations. In addition, excellent external links will be required with ECRIN team (core group and other European correspondents in other countries)
- Maintain within PtCRIN in Portugal a thorough understanding of the current clinical research regulatory environment Develop and maintain a good appreciation of the regulatory environment in other EU members states, particularly in relation to the interpretation and implementation of EU clinical trial legislation
- Provide consultation and support in regulatory affairs to the members of PtCRIN involved in European projects.
- Assist the country specific Training and Education Team in identifying training needs and requirements of local network staff and clinical trials unit staff in relation to multinational clinical trials and regulatory and governance issues, and contribute to the development and delivery of training programmes as appropriate.
- Undertake any ad hoc initiatives as required by the ECRIN-ERIC Management office.
- Support the development of the national network, sharing good practices and helping implementing the national network for clinical research PtCRIN in accordance to ECRIN Standards, in order to work as a network.

Requirements:

- ◆ University degree in Health or Life Science (preference for a Phd degree).
- ◆ Extensive multinational clinical research experience.
- ◆ Management experience required.
- ◆ Strong knowledge of the clinical development process and of GCP and local and international regulatory requirements.
- ◆ Desirable complementary knowledge of experimental design, statistics and data management.
- ◆ Excellent organisational skills demonstrated by a proven ability to manage a range of different projects simultaneously. Ability to interact positively with a wide range of professionals, including senior staff, across a range of organisations including clinical research staff and regulatory authorities. Ability to participate constructively and enthusiastically in meetings and decision making processes and to use own initiative, as appropriate.
- ◆ Strong oral and written communication skills.
- ◆ Excellent written and spoken English (working language).
- ◆ Computer and software knowledge.
- ◆ Position located in Nova Medical School/ Faculdade de Ciências Médicas, Lisboa, Portugal, with travels in Portugal as appropriate, and at the ECRIN-ERIC management office located in Paris, France, and in Europe.

The post is under hierarchical responsibility of ECRIN-ERIC Director General who is based in Paris at the ECRIN Management Office and under the functional responsibility of the Chair of PtCRIN consortium, Emilia Monteiro, full Professor of Pharmacology in Nova Medical School/ Faculdade de Ciências Médicas, Lisboa, Portugal.

If you would like additional information about this role or are interested in applying, please send your CV in confidence to ptcrin@fcm.unl.pt or contact us.