



PD Online Research Intern

Overview

The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research is dedicated to ensuring the development of a cure for Parkinson's disease. Our aggressively funded research agenda is a core part of our strategy toward achieving this mission, and the development of this agenda and management of our research portfolio is driven by a staff team and external advisors with both scientific and business expertise.

The MJFF Research Programs team works to ensure that funds raised to accelerate the push toward a cure for Parkinson's disease are allocated and managed to ensure the highest possible impact. Creative thinking about optimal fund allocation and proactive grant management are two core responsibilities of the team.

About PD Online

To facilitate PD research MJFF is developing PD Online, an interactive website and knowledgebase that will enlist the PD research community and their industrial and funding partners to meet the following goals:

1. Conduct an ongoing MJFF-moderated global workshop for the critical analysis of PD research, to understand the implications of new findings, discuss technical problems and solutions, and identify critical next steps.
2. Capture this online scientific discourse and make it freely available online under the scientific supervision and editorial control of MJFF and its advisors.
3. Connect high priority research with the appropriate academic and industry partners and with necessary financial resources.

In addition to providing an open forum for expert discussion of all PD research, MJFF will use the site to expand its due diligence operations and tap the knowledge and skills of thousands of scientists to help develop MJFF funding initiatives. PD Online will be the place for scientists to present arguments for their own approaches, and defend them against other scientists competing for limited research funds from MJFF, other granting agencies, and other sources of research capital. MJFF is including other granting agencies and sources of research capital in the development and operation of PD online, so that scientific discussions hosted on the site will have maximum impact on the therapeutic pipeline.

Candidates should have:

- Facility for clear and precise written and oral communication
- Science writing experience (test writing and editing assignments will be administered)

- Excellent aptitude for learning new software and good computer skills including Excel, Word, Powerpoint, and graphics tools like Photoshop or Illustrator.
- Experience with programming languages and database management strongly preferred.

Ideal candidates will also have the following characteristics:

- Comfort interacting with a wide range of website participants at all levels, including MJFF staff, Foundation donors, journal editors, conference administrators, and scientists in academia and industry from the post-doctoral to very senior levels.
- Strong interpersonal and people management skills; ability to manage and be managed
- Ability to think strategically about the big picture while maintaining strong attention to detail
- Excellent time management skills; strong sense of pace and urgency
- Entrepreneurial approach: you are encouraged to make your job bigger and better.
- Ability and experience working productively and proactively both independently and as part of a team

How to Apply

Interested candidates should send a resume and thoughtful cover letter describing your specific qualifications and interest in the position to foxjob@michaeljfox.org. Please be sure to include PD Online Intern in your subject line. Please, no telephone inquiries. Applicants who best match the position needs will be contacted.

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