

Chair of the International Clinical Research Center

The International Clinical Research Center is an integral part of St. Anne's University Hospital in Brno, Czech Republic. ICRC is an innovative science and research center and a top-quality public healthcare center focusing on prevention, early detection and advanced diagnostics and treatment of cardiovascular and neurological diseases. ICRC is based on almost ten years of successful cooperation between St. Anne's University Hospital in Brno and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota (USA) and other partners. ICRC will be the first international center for medical research operating on similar principles as other international research centers such as the International Space Station (ISS), the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN, Switzerland), and the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER, France). In addition to the allocated resources from the state budget of the Czech Republic (about 80 million Euro), ICRC has received just over 110 million Euro co-financing from the Structural Funds of the European Union.

The Chair will lead ICRC towards becoming a European Center of Excellence and implement research programs focused on cardiovascular and neurological diseases, with the long term goal of marked improvement of health care and quality of life through linking clinical care, research and development, education and cooperation with the industrial sector.

Selected key responsibilities of the Chair:

- Serves as a guardian of the ICRC mission and vision,
- Sets goals and priorities in clinical practice, research and education that stem from the ICRC strategy,
- Holds overall responsibility for the clinical practice, scientific, and educational mission of ICRC,
- Ensures research programs meet approved goals,
- Determines resource allocation to research programs and if necessary reallocation of resources so that meeting of set goals and excellence is properly supported,
- Facilitates collaborative relationships among existing and potential research partners.

Topics of special interest in cardiology include development of novel methods, technologies and therapeutic strategies for prevention, early detection and individualized treatment especially of heart failure, coronary heart disease, cardiac arrhythmias, hypertension and metabolic syndrome. Special attention is dedicated to development of novel technologies for cardiovascular and transplant surgery. All research and clinical programs are expected to be high-tech oriented, including utilization of biotechnologies and nanotechnologies.

Topics of special interest in neurology include the development of new technologies and methods for prevention, early diagnostics and treatment of cerebrovascular diseases, Alzheimer's disease, and multiple sclerosis.

This opportunity is available to an accomplished individual who has a demonstrated track record of internationally recognized research, a commitment to clinical research, and the leadership and management skills to build and sustain international research center supporting excellence, high-performance and corresponding corporate climate based on mutual respect, recognition and trust.

Applicants must possess an M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent degree. For details please see below.

Mandatory Research Experience:

- A minimum of ten (10) years' progressive scientific experience in clinical research in the field of cardiovascular or neurological diseases demonstrated by increasing volumes of a high quality portfolio of research grants and contracts,
- A minimum of ten (10) years' progressive experience in managing clinical research in the field of cardiovascular or neurological diseases demonstrated by increasing leadership responsibility (team size, range of responsibility, etc.),
- A demonstrated "breeding" capability, shown by the careers of former staff members, supervised PhD students, PostDocs etc.,
- A demonstrated international standing, witnessed by memberships in international research collaborations / networks, positions in international bodies / boards, task forces etc.,
- A demonstrated experience in the transfer and / or utilisation of clinical research.

Mandatory Educational Experience:

- A proven track record of teaching and mentoring students in both pre- and postgraduate programmes.

Mandatory Experience in Clinical Medicine:

- At least 10 years of experience in clinical medicine in fields of cardiovascular or neurological diseases,
- Completed at least first board (or its equivalent in various national medical systems) in cardiology, general medicine or neurology.

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Salary is commensurate with experience (an indicative salary level is €7 000 – 10 000 a month). The appointment shall last till December 31, 2015. The appointment can be extended pending evaluation of the appointee's performance and a decision by the ICRC Supervisory Board.

Application procedure:

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, including a brief description of research and leadership experience, CV and bibliography to: registration@msmt.cz until 30th September 2012.

For informal enquiries about any aspect of the position, please contact Dr. Michal Kostka (michal.kostka@fnusa.cz, tel.: +420 731168317). All enquiries/information from the candidates will be handled in the strictest confidentiality.

All applications will be assessed by a special selection board (Search Committee), consisting of both international and Czech experts as well as representatives of the ICRC project, that shall meet under the coordination and supervision of the Managing Authority of the Operational Programme Research and Development for Innovation.

Top selected suitable candidates will be invited for interviews that will take place in Brno, Czech Republic (exact date to be communicated in due time).

Informative documents for job applicants can be found here in downloadable files: <http://www.msmt.cz/strukturalni-fondy/fnusa-icrc-chair>