Vacancy Data Stewardship Coordinator

Location: Utrecht

We are currently inviting applications for a position for 36-40 hours per week.

About this role

Oncode supports widespread access to its cutting-edge research and knowledge in order to enable others to use and build on them. It has therefore adopted the principles of Open Science and FAIR data management. To realise this, Oncode is creating a new position within its organisation, that of Data Stewardship Coordinator.

Oncode Institute is looking for an experienced data steward dedicated to implement Oncode’s vision on Open Science and FAIR data stewardship within Oncode’s research groups. The Oncode data steward will be responsible for supporting researchers from the various Oncode labs in the areas of Open Science and FAIR data stewardship. The data steward will maintain the network of Open Science and FAIR data experts and resources and work in close liaison with DTL and Health-RI.

Responsibilities

- Consult and guide Oncode Investigators and researchers in the steps to take toward Open Science and FAIR data stewardship, making use of the existing network and resources as much as possible.
  - Function as a central support figure, supporting all Oncode researchers, not necessarily in a hands-on fashion, but mostly guiding them to the right person/resource.
  - Help maintain the network of Open Science and data stewardship experts within Oncode labs, and further embed this network in the Health-RI/DTL activities.
  - Maintain an inventory of the Open Science and FAIR data resources and activities already available within Oncode labs, e.g. ELNs.
  - Coordinate activities with other (local) data and IT managers, as well as Oncode’s valorisation managers.
- Implement Oncode’s Open Science and FAIR data strategy.
  - Help combine Oncode’s Open Science and data stewardship vision with the policies of Oncode researchers’ host institute.
  - Help select best (existing) standards, ontologies, tools for specific types of data produced in Oncode labs.
- Work in close liaison with the DTL and Health-RI teams.
- Organise awareness / training sessions for Oncode researchers.
- Help implement and manage the Oncode (bio) materials and data catalogue.
In some cases, be able to directly work with researchers, mostly when the resources in their respective organisation are not in place yet. Some of these tasks would be:

- Create data management plans together with researchers.
- Help researchers add their data to the Oncode catalogue.
- Submit data in (public) databases, whilst defining (automated) processes to facilitate this.

**Skills and experience**

- MSc / PhD in relevant topic, preferably in the life sciences.
- Competitive candidates will have at least 3 years of relevant experience in Open Science, data management, FAIR data, preferably in a biomedical (informatics) research environment.
- Broad knowledge and experience with research data management, FAIR principles and Open Science during the entire research life cycle.
- Experience in organising training sessions for researchers.
- Flexibility to visit Oncode Labs at Partner Institutions on a regular basis.
- Able to deliver, to think creatively and strategically, as well at the operational level.
- Knowledge of ethical, legal requirements imposed on data management for research.
- Excellent social, communication and advisory skills, in English, and preferably also in Dutch.
- Service- and quality-oriented attitude.

**Oncode offers**

- You will be part of a dynamic start-up environment that provides you with the tools needed to be successful in your role.
- You will find yourself surrounded by purpose-driven colleagues that are passionate about bringing fundamental research findings to the clinic to benefit patients.
- Positioned within the team of programme managers and communication advisors, you will interact with the team of business developers, and with academic groups undertaking cutting-edge cancer research to impact people’s lives.
- The Oncode office is based in the Jaarbeurs’ Beatrix building next to Utrecht Central Station.
- This role is based on 36-40 h / week, with an option to work from home 1 day per week
- 1-2-year contract (current financing period until 31-12-2022)
- Preferred start date: as soon as possible

**How to apply**

Please send your CV and motivation to research@oncode.nl.
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