

UPDATED KEY SELECTION CRITERIA FOR PRESIDENT, 2023-24

Ideal Experience:

The successful candidate will have some combination of the following:

- Significant experience with, and a strong personal commitment to, the research and development of transformative treatments for unmet medical needs, including for underserved populations.
- Experience leading, as the sole head or chief executive, a medical or scientific unit or organization with administrative and programmatic budgets and workforce comparable to that of CIRM's including direct responsibility for:
 - Building and retaining a diverse, cohesive and talented leadership team
 - Establishing a compelling vision and developing and executing the strategic plan
 - Gaining board and organizational support for the plan
 - Evaluating progress of the plan with objective measures of success
 - Celebrating accomplishments with all stakeholders to reinforce momentum and build a culture of success
- Proven track record of creating a culture of diversity and inclusivity within an organization.
- Experience budgeting and implementing budgets in a fiscally responsible manner.
- Doctoral degree(s) (MD, DO, PhD, etc.) in science or medicine.
- Experience reporting to a board of directors with the confidence and ability necessary to develop collaborative and productive relationships with the board and its leadership.
- Experience with/understanding of the research and development of therapeutics from entry into pre-clinical development through clinical studies aimed at FDA approval, including basic understanding of clinical development, process development and manufacturing, regulatory requirements, and reimbursement considerations.
- Experience in overseeing an organization or team that evaluates, approves and conducts large, multi-year projects or programs.
- Understands CIRM's mission and responsibilities as a state agency as set forth in Proposition 14.

- Sincere interest in entering into productive dialogue regarding CIRM’s performance and future direction with important stakeholders, including patients, advocates, academia, industry, government officials and board members.
- A proven ability to create alignment to the mission and vision of an organization with important stakeholders both within and outside the organization.

Critical Competencies for Success

Strategic Leadership Abilities:

An executive who has demonstrated the ability to provide strategic leadership and insights in an area of rapidly evolving science, medicine or related technology by identifying early and important trends in research and development, and driving success in an organization by embracing and adopting leading-edge practices to enable successful research and development. Evidence of these abilities will be apparent from prior professional successes in industry or academia, where the individual was responsible, when necessary, for shifting an organization’s strategy to capture the advantage of newly available technologies, techniques or trends that proved successful, thereby helping to translate such research into the development of successful therapies.

Ability to Advance Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

CIRM’s mission is to accelerate world-class science to deliver transformative regenerative medicine treatments in an equitable manner to a diverse California and world. In doing so, CIRM promotes the values of diversity, equity and inclusion in all programs we support, including our research, education, workforce development, and infrastructure programs. All people in California, regardless of their background, deserve equal access to the benefits of regenerative medicine. The successful candidate will have a record demonstrating their likely ability to pursue and promote this mission and their commitment to addressing DEI within CIRM and the initiatives CIRM supports.

Collaborative and Delegation Skills:

The ideal candidate will have the skills to effectively lead through example as well as through direct authority. He or she will initiate the forging of collaborations within the management team or in other areas where collaborations are of value. To be successful, the candidate will show an awareness of sources of conflict and an ability to constructively manage the issues and stakeholders in order to arrive at beneficial outcomes, including the ability to delegate important tasks to reports who demonstrate ability to successfully manage or execute such tasks.

Team Leadership Abilities:

Evidence of an ability to create and inspire high-performance teams is sought in the ideal candidate, as seen in a history of identifying, developing, and retaining top-tier talent, removing barriers to success, providing resources to accomplish agreed-upon objectives, and using a variety of techniques to facilitate the subordination of individual needs in order to achieve a common goal. Exemplary leadership will have been demonstrated by having overcome significant complexity in forging team-based culture.

Other Personal Characteristics:

- A leader recognized for leveraging vision and passion to accomplish great things.
- An individual motivated primarily by the opportunity to make a significant impact by improving the human condition through new medical and scientific advances.
- An inspiring presence; confident, yet low-ego.
- A personable, inclusive style of interaction.
- A strong work ethic and a high degree of personal and professional integrity and credibility.