



## The Opportunity

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CurePSP seeks a Vice President of Scientific Affairs to be an integral part of a motivated team in its New York City office. This role provides a platform to liaise with thought leaders in diverse sectors, as a senior member of a leading nonprofit at the frontier of brain disease.

While this role reports to the CurePSP's President, it offers considerable autonomy to creatively shape and develop initiatives, and to advance a scientific and medical mission. Additionally, it affords growth for the candidate who seeks professional development.

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## About CurePSP

CurePSP is the nonprofit advocacy and research organization fighting “prime-of-life” neurodegenerative disorders, with a strong focus on progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP). These “prime-of-life” disorders, so called because they typically strike during a person’s most productive and rewarding years, are presently incurable and have been diagnosed in nearly 50,000 people living in the U.S.

Since 1990, CurePSP has funded more than 190 research studies and is the leading source of information and support for patients and their families, caregivers, researchers, physicians and allied healthcare professionals in this disease area. CurePSP has a motivated team dedicated to improving awareness, educating and supporting patients and families and funding research to end the challenge of these neurodegeneration disorders. Based in New York City, CurePSP currently employs eight, has a mission-specific budget of \$1.9 million, and revenues of \$2.9 million annually.

CurePSP supports research primarily through three strategies: 1) a seed funding program; 2) a joint research venture with the Rainwater Foundation’s Tau Consortium (and joint hosting of a “Research Roundtable” with multiple stakeholders to expedite treatments for PSP); and 3) short-term research grants for students.

Other research-related activities of CurePSP include: using CurePSP’s resources and network to support the recruitment of subjects for clinical trials and donation of tissue samples, and hosting an annual international scientific symposium on the latest PSP-related advances.

## Key Responsibilities

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- Maintain relationships with key players from nonprofit, industry, and government to accelerate research and therapeutic developments for PSP.
- With the support of CurePSP's office staff, and in coordination with the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board, manage and develop CurePSP's grant program.
- Keep current on emergent PSP research and related disorders through literature review, attending conferences, and communication with key scientists and opinion leaders.
- Communicate internally to apprise CurePSP staff and Board of Directors, and externally (with the support of the Communications and outreach team) to inform patients, families, and donors on scientific advances.
- Act as a scientific and medical resource for staff with fundraising events and educational programs for healthcare professionals.
- Represent CurePSP's scientific staff leadership at its annual research symposium, and aid staff in its planning and execution.
- Liaise for and manage efforts with CurePSP collaborative partners, including: support of patient recruitment and retention in clinical trials (including those sponsored by pharma), and working closely with partners at the Mayo Clinic Brain Bank (MBCC) to establish policies and facilitate donations.

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## Credentials and Key Skills

### Required:

- Goal-oriented, creative professional with proven record of strategic thinking and a strong desire to make a difference
- Sensitivity and compassion for patients and their families and caregivers
- Self-motivated, highly-organized, and able to work independently
- Strong communication skills
- Doctorate (PhD, MD, or equivalent) in basic or clinical neurosciences or related field
- At least 6-10 years' work experience in a neuroscience, neurodegenerative disease, or related field
- Laboratory or clinical research with a record of grant support and publication
- An ability to interact and communicate clearly and effectively, both orally and in writing, with scientists and non-scientists at all levels
- Travel up to 20-25%, some locally

### Desired:

- Experience in development and/or fundraising in business, academic, or nonprofit environment
- Experience in clinical trial design and drug development
- Experience in working with the pharmaceutical industry
- Experience in grant review
- Experience in patient or clinical care

*CurePSP, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer. We respect and seek to empower each individual and support the diverse cultures, perspectives, skills and experiences within our workforce.*

Foundation Advisors, LLC has been retained to conduct this search on behalf of CurePSP. Interested candidates should send their CV or resume, and a cover letter to [RecruitingCurePSP@gmail.com](mailto:RecruitingCurePSP@gmail.com).