

Director, Strategic Projects Lead

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About the Role

This role is accountable for delivering Strategic Imperatives for the Development Unit by taking ownership for the creation, planning and independent operationalization of specific strategic projects in landscape mode. The role is expected to enhance the executional certainty of assigned initiatives by deploying best-in-class project management practices, successfully leading multi-disciplinary teams (influencing through the matrix) and integrating insights from internal and external specialists.

Major accountabilities:

- Identify, propose, and deliver strategic and operational imperatives for Development as x-functional strategic projects using data as the performance baseline.
- Accountable for the faultless, independent delivery of large-scale strategic projects that employ project management best practices to enhance certainty of success (i.e., project plans – scope, time, cost/resources, communication plans, impact measures/ metrics).
- Structure ambiguous problems and take action to solve them, with clear linkage to Development objectives, strategy and priorities.
- Synthesize clear takeaways from complex information into outcomes and recommendations using both qualitative and quantitative methods (i.e., external benchmarks, internal metrics, process performance analyses etc.).
- Lead cross-functional teams, influencing without authority, to develop the best solution and move stakeholders and the organization to act
- Establish trust-based relationships with leaders and stakeholders to better serve their organizations.
- Deploy excellent verbal and written communication skills to transmit information effectively to all audiences, including senior leaders, in a structured manner.
- Drive project teams and organizations to comprehensively improve operating model design, process simplification, data & technology enablement, and financial success, whilst ensuring quality standards and regulatory compliance.
- Role model exceptional company values and behaviours, embracing high-challenge conversations, to drive change (ethics, change agent, collaboration, humility).
- Maintain awareness of process improvement methodologies and best practices (e.g., IQP, lean six sigma, Scrum, Agile, etc.)

Minimum Requirements

- Ideally 3rd level degree educated in a relevant discipline in Life Sciences or Life Science Engineering. Further qualifications such as MBA would be an advantage.
- Minimum experience of 10-12 years in Research & Development strategic consulting and/or Line Function in Development
- Corporate/development experience in complex project management
- Must have experience in Drug Discovery and Drug Development In-depth experience of the drug discovery lifecycle and R&D functions
- Proven track-record managing complex, cross-functional Projects with senior stakeholder engagement

Accessibility and accommodation

Novartis is committed to working with and providing reasonable accommodation to all individuals. If, because of a medical condition or disability, you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the recruitment process, or in order to receive more detailed information about the essential functions of a

position, please send an e-mail to diversity.inclusion_ch@novartis.com and let us know the nature of your request and your contact information. Please include the job requisition number in your message.

Benefits & Rewards

At Novartis, we're committed to reimagining medicine together - and rewarding the people who make it happen.

Expected Annual Base Salary Range for role:

- 142,100.00 - 263,900.00 CHF Annual

The base salary offered is determined based on gender-neutral objectives, such as relevant skills, competencies and experience in accordance with the Novartis pay setting policy and upon joining Novartis will be reviewed periodically.

In addition to your base salary, you may be eligible for a performance-based bonus depending on certain performance parameters.

The rewards of being part of our team go far beyond base pay and incentives. We also offer a variety of competitive benefits in kind to help you thrive personally and professionally, such as insurance plans, retirement plans, wellbeing resources and global recognition programs. In addition, we provide flexible and hybrid working options, where possible, and minimum 14 weeks paid parental leave.

In addition to your base salary, you may be eligible for a performance-based bonus depending on certain performance parameters. Long-term equity awards granted at group level may also be part of your package. Further details will be provided during the application process.

Pay equity is a fundamental principle of our employment policy and reflects our commitment to create a diverse, equitable and inclusive environment that treats all employees with dignity and respect, as outlined in our Code of Ethics.

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https://www.novartis.com/sites/novartis_com/files/novartis-life-handbook.pdf

Note: Benefits and compensation may vary by country and are subject to local legal requirements, including provisions of collective bargaining agreements where applicable. A full overview of your compensation package, including any relevant collective bargaining agreement details applicable to your role based on your employment location and Novartis employer entity, will be communicated separately to you during the application process.

Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion / EEO

Novartis is committed to building an outstanding, inclusive work environment and diverse teams' representative of the patients and communities we serve.

Role Requirements

Why Novartis: Helping people with disease and their families takes more than innovative science. It takes a community of smart, passionate people like you. Collaborating, supporting and inspiring each other. Combining to achieve breakthroughs that change patients' lives. Ready to create a brighter future together? <https://www.novartis.com/about/strategy/people-and-culture>

Benefits and Rewards: Learn about all the ways we'll help you thrive personally and professionally.
[Read our handbook \(PDF 30 MB\)](#)

Division

DIV_GD

Business Unit

Development

Location

LOC_CH

Site

Basel (City)

Company / Legal Entity

C028 (FCRS = CH028) Novartis Pharma AG

Functional Area

FCT_RD

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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