

Head of Drug Discovery

Nimble Therapeutics, Inc.

Nimble Therapeutics is a biotechnology company revolutionizing the discovery & development of peptide therapeutics. Leveraging a paradigm-shifting peptide drug discovery and development engine, Nimble combines massively parallel solid-phase synthesis, unrivaled chemical and structural diversity, sophisticated assays, and powerful analytics to discover and develop next generation peptide therapeutics efficiently and intelligently. Nimble has extensively validated its platform through the identification of highly biologically active compounds for multiple programs, spanning a wide variety of therapeutic target classes. Nimble is rapidly advancing a broad pipeline of discovery programs in collaboration with our partners Genentech, Roche, Incyte, an undisclosed large pharma, and RayzeBio. In addition, Nimble is leveraging its platform to build an exciting pipeline of novel, highly differentiated internal programs across multiple therapeutic areas.

The Role

We are seeking a creative, visionary Head of Drug Discovery to drive the creation and leadership of a world class drug discovery team. This key hire will be responsible for developing and advancing our programs, from hit-ID through the delivery of IND-enabled clinical candidates. These efforts will be performed in collaboration with other leaders on the scientific team, with shared and independent responsibilities. The role offers a unique opportunity to help drive the strategy of an early-stage biotech company that has a validated discovery platform, with responsibility over both discovery and development projects. The candidate must be entrepreneurial, highly motivated, and able to efficiently lead teams in completing multiple projects in parallel across a broad range of stages from program design to in IND-enabling studies. The successful candidate will have a track record of accomplishments in drug discovery in industry as well as high impact research in academia or industry. S(he) must exhibit highly developed leadership, project management, and communication skills, and be excited about building a team to execute on program/project activities.

Key Responsibilities

- Drive optimization strategy for Nimble's drug discovery programs to ensure delivery of IND-enabled clinical development candidates.
- Partner with the CSO to develop the short- and long-term scientific objectives for the organization covering discovery, optimization, and the company's strategy & portfolio.
- Develop the resourcing strategy to support the drug discovery needs for internal programs. Provide a vision as to how to build out internal drug discovery capabilities and balance these with external contract research organizations (CROs).
- Develop and manage external relationships with academic and commercial partners.

- Provide guidance on scientific matters with regulatory agencies, scientific and medical personnel. Participates in the preparation of regulatory submissions providing science-based rationale for actions.
- Lead and manage a diverse team of scientists, ensuring their work is aligned with the company's strategy and values.
- Represents the company with scientific & investment conferences, agencies, globally addressing aspects of the company's research and product development.

Requirements

- A proven scientific leader with a PhD in chemistry with 10+ years of industrial medicinal chemistry experience. Expertise in peptide drug discovery is not required but is a strong plus.
- Demonstrated expertise and a track record of success in advancing small molecule discovery programs from target validation through lead optimization and into clinical development.
- Broad expertise of successfully prosecuting a wide range of biological target classes and varied chemotypes as a drug discovery project leader or similar team leadership role.
- Experience leading integrated teams of Ph.D. level Scientists and other subject matter experts.
- Expertise in building and managing productive relationships with CROs to execute drug discovery programs at speed.
- Familiarity with emerging cutting-edge competitive technology in the drug discovery space.
- Track record of high-impact scientific findings, as evidenced by top tier journal publications and patents.
- Excellent communication skills are a must.
- Solution-oriented mindset toward scientific challenges and team building dynamics are a must.

Reporting

- The Head of Drug Discovery will report to the Company's CSO.

Location

- Greater Philadelphia area