**Medicines Patent Pool**

***Position:*** *Project Manager – Long acting*

***Location:*** *Geneva, Switzerland with international travels*

**Organisation Overview**

Medicines Patent Pool (MPP) is an independent public health foundation working to increase access to HIV, hepatitis C and tuberculosis treatments in developing countries through voluntary licensing and patent pooling initiatives. The foundation works with a broad spectrum of partners — industry, civil society organizations, international organizations, among others — to prioritize, forecast and license medicines and pool intellectual property to encourage generic manufacture and the development of novel formulations.

Since its creation in 2010, MPP has signed licensing agreements with 9 patent holders for 14 HIV antiretrovirals, 3 hepatitis C antivirals and 1 investigational tuberculosis treatment. Leading pharmaceutical companies have signed licenses with the foundation, and MPP has signed sublicenses with 24 generic manufacturers and product developers to produce these treatments. To date, MPP estimates that it has save the international community US $631million in low-cost medicines through its licenses.

The field of long-acting technologies have the potential to revolutionise the management and treatment of diseases in LMICs. In particular, long-acting technologies, whether they be long-acting injections, microneedle patches, gastric resident systems, or other platforms, can potentially improve adherence, improve patient outcomes, increase convenience and reduce health systems costs. The MPP is entering an exploratory phase to determine whether, and how, the MPP’s model can be applied to this emerging field of technology to facilitate the development of long-acting formulations of public health importance in LMICs. During this exploratory phase, the MPP will explore the feasibility of applying the MPP model to long-acting technologies and seek to engage in a series of pilot joint development projects with other stakeholders to assess challenges and opportunities and to create a Long-acting Technology Hub.

In this context, MPP is recruiting a project manager to manage its activities in the development of long-acting formulations and lead MPP activities in this field.

For more information, please see our website, [www.medicinespatentpool.org.](http://www.medicinespatentpool.org/)

**Main Duties/Responsibilities**

The long-acting project manager will be the focal point for the MPP on all activities related to its work on long-acting technologies.

In a preliminary phase, the Long-Acting project manager will report to the Executive Director, without being a member of the Senior Management Team.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

* Assist in the definition of the project scope and objectives, involving all relevant internal and external stakeholders and ensuring technical feasibility (long-acting access hub),
* Liaise and coordinate action plans with Untaid partners involved in this area,
* Develop a project plan for the MPP to explore its potential role in relation to facilitating the development of appropriate long acting formulations for the treatment of infectious diseases (HIV, TB, malaria and viral hepatitis) in LMICs through IP licensing,

* Monitor and track progress, liaise with Unitaid (in collaboaration with the Head of Operations) for all relevant project related topics,
* Work closely with experts (including WHO, Unitaid and other public health stakeholders) to identify appropriate IP-protected technologies that may be particularly promising
* Closely work with the regulatory and scientific experts to ensure proper technical expertise is brought to bear on behalf of MPP,
* Collaborate with Business Development and Legal to:
	+ ensure that all necessary external parties are involved in the collaboration, with the appropriate collaboration agreements in place
	+ identify promising long-acting projects, develop project proposals, engage with potential project partners to establish collaboration
	+ explore ways in which the MPP’s existing licences can be leveraged by product developers to develop long acting formulations
	+ Seek commitments for collaboration on priority products and technologies with key IP holders,
* Work with the patent information manager and the scientific manager to further develop the MPP-Unitaid patent landscape on long acting products and explore ways to set it up as an on-line repository of information,
* Ensure that all long-acting related projects that MPP enters into are delivered on-time, within scope and budget.

**Knowledge/Qualifications:**

The long-acting project manager must have the following attributes:

* Experience in managing projects relating to global health
* Experience in engaging with all types of stakeholders, including industry, civil society and public health organizations
* Scientific understanding with exposure with HIV, TB, Malaria or viral hepatitis treatment in LMICs
* Pharma industry exposure, with Business Development an asset
* Experience in long-acting technologies desirable

**Personal Qualities**

* Demonstrable personal commitment to the public health goals of Medicines Patent Pool
* Sensitivity to different cultures and work styles
* Strategic thinking and problem-solving capacities
* Able to think outside the box and very flexible attitude

**Education and special training:**

* Advanced university degree

**Experience (length and nature):**

* At least 10 years’ experience in a relevant sector (pharma industry or public health) with exposure to the other
* Successful track record of multi-stakeholder’s project management.

**Use of Languages:**

* Fluency in English is required.

It is the policy and practice of the Pool to provide equal employment to qualified individuals (employees and applicants) regardless of their race, colour, religion, sex, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic origin, marital status, disability, and to conform to all applicable laws and regulations.

Salary is commensurate with experience. The Pool offers a competitive compensation package, including social benefits.

If you are interested in this position, please send us a cover letter and C.V. to recruitment@medicinespatentpool.org indicating “LA Project Manager” as reference in the subject line by XX.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted