



Chief Scientific Officer

The Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas, in partnership with Korn Ferry, invites nominations and expressions of interest for the position of **Chief Scientific Officer**.

Founded in 2007, the Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) was established to invest \$3 billion in the state's unprecedented fight against cancer. Today, after Texas voters overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment to continue CPRIT's work and invest an additional \$3 billion in 2019, CPRIT is now a \$6 billion initiative – the second largest public funder of cancer research and prevention programs in the United States. As Texas' fight against cancer continues to escalate exponentially, CPRIT's investment in the research prowess of Texas universities and research organizations remains stronger than ever to create and expand life science infrastructure across the state and to expedite innovation in research and enhance the potential of breakthroughs in prevention and cures. Further, their investment has positioned Texas as a world-class leader in cancer research and prevention and has connected universities, researchers, physicians, companies, hospitals, and clinics across Texas to form a critical ecosystem of distinguished cancer-fighting talent. Under the guidance of its governing body, the Oversight Committee, CPRIT accepts applications and awards grants for a wide variety of innovative cancer-related research and product development and for the delivery of evidence-based cancer prevention programs and services by public and private entities in the state of Texas. Critical to CPRIT's mission to accelerate advancements in cancer prevention and cures is the recruitment of a highly accomplished scientific leader to serve as CPRIT's next Chief Scientific Officer. A national search is underway.

Serving as the agency's scientific leader, the Chief Scientific Officer (CSO) will lead CPRIT's grant process and have responsibility for coordinating grant funding opportunities, recruiting reviewers to and overseeing peer review panels, monitoring grant recipients' progress, and evaluating CPRIT's overarching progress towards preventing cancer and discovering the causes of and cures for cancer. In addition, the CSO will be responsible for developing and implementing a vision for the agency's academic research portfolio in coordination with the product development research and prevention grant portfolios to ensure that the funded research enhances the potential for medical and scientific advances in cancer prevention, detection, and treatment.

Reporting to the CEO, the ideal candidate will have earned an MD, PhD, MD/PhD, or equivalent, and bring a proven track record in cancer research, exemplified by research accomplishments, collaborative leadership, administrative experience, program development, and educational excellence. They will work closely and collaboratively with the entire Executive Team as well as the Oversight Committee and will be a nationally recognized scholar and leader in cancer research, one who is passionate about the mission, vision, and values of CPRIT, and is prepared to manage the scientific, cultural, strategic, and operational changes necessary to continue its success.

Applications should include a detailed curriculum vitae, a letter of interest, and a completed State of Texas Application for Employment Form. To ensure full consideration, inquiries, nominations, and applications should be submitted electronically to tara.vittese@kornferry.com.