AOP Health is the European pioneer for integrated therapies for rare diseases and in critical care. To enhance our team in Vienna we are looking for an:

External Manufacturing Lead (f/m/d)

1190 Vienna | Full-time employee | Start: as of now |

In this key role you will be responsible for the day-to-day operational and project management of external manufacturing, development, and testing activities across AOP Health´s network.
This is a key expert role that bridges internal teams and external partners - ensuring our products move seamlessly from development to manufacturing and beyond.

What Your Day To Day Will Look Like

- Lead and coordinate operational and project activities with assigned external manufacturing, development, and testing partners to support product development, clinical manufacturing, and PPQ execution
- Act as the main point of contact for selected partners and assigned programs — managing relationships, performance, budget and goal alignment
- Oversee clinical supply planning, including material readiness, shipments, and inventory coordination
- Responsible for production/testing scheduling and partner performance monitoring
- Manage budgets and identify opportunities for cost and risk reduction
- Contribute to Technical Development's (TD) external partnerships strategy to strengthen AOP Health's global manufacturing and testing network
- Provide technical and operational input during contract negotiations
- Identify and mitigate risks with internal stakeholders
- Represent External Manufacturing function within TD matrix and Supplier Relationship Management (SRM) teams
- Lead or support cross-functional Virtual Plant Teams (VPTs), driving quality, cost, and delivery excellence

Main Benefits

- Bonus
- Homeoffice
- Flexible working hours
- Initial and continuing education
- Canteen
- Good transport connection
- Employee events
- Meal allowance
- Company doctor
- Parking spot
- Healthmeasures

- Facilitate effective communication and decision-making across teams
- Support regulatory response preparation (e.g., inquiries, LODs) related to outsourced activities
- Ensure compliance with internal processes and global health authority requirements
- Contribute to due diligences, portfolio expansions, and business case development
- Drive continuous improvement and harmonization initiatives within TD

Your Qualifications and Experience

- Advanced degree (PhD or Master's) in a technical or scientific discipline, preferably in chemistry, biotechnology,
  or process engineering.
- Solid expertise in at least one CMC area (e.g., process development, analytical development, technical writing, or manufacturing) with broad understanding across the CMC domain.
- Minimum 5 years of professional experience in a CMC environment (e.g., GMP manufacturing).
- Familiarity with EMA/FDA/ICH/WHO/global regulatory frameworks.
- Experience with investigations, OOSs, deviations, and CAPAs is a plus.
- Proven ability to work effectively in cross-functional matrix teams and represent TD's perspective.
- Strong ownership mindset with proactive drive to move workstreams forward.
- Strategic thinker who can translate the big picture into clear operational goals.
- Collaborative, customer-oriented approach with strong stakeholder management skills
- Excellent contract negotiation skills and experience collaborating with external partners
- Proven ability to drive Operational Excellence initiatives (Lean / Six Sigma Green Belt or equivalent preferred)
- Excellent communication, presentation, and writing skills in English; basic German is an advantage.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Experience with end-to-end budget planning and management.
- Hands-on ERP system experience and solid project management skills (PMP certification or similar is an asset).
- Willingness to travel internationally as needed

Our Offer

- An open corporate culture with the opportunity to contribute your own ideas
- Working independently in a collegial and committed team
- Modern working environment with good public transport connections (U4 - Heiligenstadt)
- Flexible working hours (flexitime/time-out days), bonus scheme, additional benefits and employee events
- Structured onboarding and support through a buddy system
- Gross annual salary provided for this function is a minimum of EUR 80.000.- based on full-time employment (38,5h/week). Any potential overpayment depends on professional experience and qualifications.

If you would like to work as a team player in an international environment

Your Contact

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Further information on our website:
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and can identify with our values "Agile, Ambitious, Aligned, Accountable and Appreciative", then: Take this CHANCE and