

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Autism Center

The National Autism Research Center of Israel (NARCI) was established to improve diagnosis and treatment of autism in Israel by creating research infrastructure that serves researchers at universities, medical centers, and industry.

Our goal is to transform Israel into an international leader in the development and implementation of effective autism diagnosis and intervention techniques. To achieve this goal, we developed an innovative research model that integrates science and clinical care, and promotes partnerships between academia, government, healthcare providers, and the Israeli autism community. A cornerstone of our efforts is the development of a National Autism Database, which is the largest and most comprehensive autism database in Israel. This database has already yielded over 20 studies about the causes of autism, early detection of the disorder, and the efficacy of both existing and new treatments.

The role

We are looking for an experienced CEO who will manage all aspects of NARCI in accordance with the strategic development plan of the center. The CEO will work closely with the director of NARCI and its board to achieve critical developmental milestones. The CEO will manage a team of over 30 full- and part-time employees at multiple research sites throughout Israel.

Responsibilities:

- Working closely with the director and board to define and implement NARCI strategy.
- Oversee all operations and activities to ensure they produce the desired results and are consistent with the overall strategy and mission (including managing middle management, committees, developing and monitoring workplans and operational policies).
- Navigate complex political relationships with multiple stakeholders across the ecosystem.
- Build relationships of trust with key partners in the ecosystem.
- Report to the board and keep them informed on progress, potential roadblocks and recommended adjustments.
- Focus and drive execution, deadlines & results across NARCI's network.
- Plan and manage the operations & Gantt of all scientific projects, ensuring project controls, accurate reporting and accountability (both financial and scientific).
- Write organizational PR materials, enhance local, national and international visibility.
- Establish standardization and synchronizing of protocols across projects/studies.
- Enforce regulatory guidelines and establish policies to maintain privacy and ethics.
- Mentor and interact with NARCI staff at all levels to foster their growth and development.

Capabilities:

- Proven experience as CEO or other executive managerial positions (managing projects of ~10 million NIS per year), preferably in medical, Research, Pharma, Bio-tech or similar industries.
- Ability to navigate complex political situations in large organizations.
- Strong collaborative leadership skills.
- Ability to train, develop and manage large teams.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Proficiency in English (other languages are an advantage)
- Ability to work under pressure, plan personal workload effectively, and delegate.
- Analytic strategic thinking/problem solving skills.

Bonus points:

- PhD in Neuroscience, Psychology, Biology or related fields is an advantage.
- Experience in writing scientific protocols, grant applications, and/or scientific papers.
- Technological background and data management expertise.
- Experience in finance, performance management principles, marketing, PR, etc.

To apply for this position, please submit your CV via email to Mazal Malka at mazalm@bgu.ac.il