



## The Multiple Sclerosis Data Alliance is looking for a Head of Strategy and Partnership (M/V)

### Background

The Multiple Sclerosis Data Alliance ([MSDA](#)) is a global multi-stakeholder collaboration working to accelerate research insights for innovative care and treatment for people with multiple sclerosis (MS) through better use of real-world data (RWD). The MSDA is an independent multi-stakeholder initiative under the umbrella of the European Charcot Foundation ([ECF](#)) with ECF acting as the legal entity. Six core partners drive the MSDA initiative forward: [EMSP](#), ECF, the European Institute For Innovation Through Health Data ([i~HD](#)), and the academic partners UHasselt, KU Leuven and the University Medical Center Göttingen. We focus on following strategic objectives

- Raise awareness about the importance of research using real-world MS data
- Build a multi-stakeholder MS data ecosystem
- Promote trustworthy and transparent practices in the use of real-world MS data
- Catalogue existing and emerging MS data sources
- Support local harmonization efforts by developing and promoting the adoption of an MS specific common data model
- Build a federated ecosystem that allows local queries of different cohorts and registries, while respecting autonomy and ownership of data sources.

### Job description

Your responsibilities are situated at two major levels:

**Strategy and operational leadership.** Work with the [strategic focus area leads](#) to drive our strategy.

This covers, but is not limited to:

- Co-create a strategy document with the areas leads
- Prepare and oversee the delivery of an implementation plan including budgets and milestones
- Work alongside the MSDA Chair to provide leadership to the MSDA Secretariat and partners to deliver the implementation plan according to agreed timelines
- Work with partners to identify and explore relevant funding opportunities for the MSDA and
- Support grant proposal writing and submission
- Contribute to the successful running of partnership meetings and stakeholder events, including preparing agendas and slides, briefing speakers, and working with the Secretariat to manage participant lists, invitations and minutes.

**Communications and Partnerships.** You are responsible for developing the communication strategy of the MSDA and working with the MSDA secretariat to execute it. This includes, but is not limited to:



- An approach to engaging with patients and patient representatives to meet the MSDA's strategic objectives
- Maintaining and growing the MSDA partnership network and capitalizing on new opportunities within the MS data ecosystem
- Organizing content for MSDA and partner communications channels (websites, newsletters, social media)

## Profile

### *Requirements:*

- You have a master diploma
- Fluent in English, both writing and speaking
- Affinity for data handling and analysis is crucial.
- You are passionate to support our mission to transform the management of people with MS through better use of data. Knowledge and proven interest in MS and/or other neurodegenerative or chronic disorders is an asset.
- You have proven experience in developing communication plans for multiple stakeholders including industry, regulatory decision-making and patient societies.
- Excellent networking and communication skills with proven experience in successful stakeholder engagement and community building
- An independent and practical personality. You are able to take initiative.
- Proven experience in project management and in delivering successful multistakeholder projects
- Able to convey complex information in clear and accessible ways for a wide range of audiences
- Interest in working in an interdisciplinary environment. The MSDA combines experts in data science, IT development, epidemiology and statistics with experts in MS research, regulatory decision making and patient engagement.

### *Preferred additional requirements:*

- Experience in working for a non-for-profit organization
- Experience with interacting with multi-language and multi-cultural consortia
- Interest to support scientific publications writing and grant proposals

## Offer

We offer a full-time employment for a period of 1 year, with the potential to be extended after positive evaluation.