

Head of Data Governance, Anonymization and Quality

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About the Role

Key Responsibilities:

- Define and implement data governance policies and standards for BR, ensuring consistency, integrity, and compliance across the organization
- Partner with the Head of Data and Platform to embed data governance principles into technology solutions, including “data governance as code”
- Lead the anonymization of Novartis patient-level data to enable compliant secondary research use on Data42
- Collaborate closely with the Head of Data on enterprise data management (EDM) activities
- Support the execution of the BR data strategy by ensuring alignment with business and data governance requirements
- Monitor and continuously improve data governance and data quality practices across BR, driving accountability and measurable outcomes
- Ensure ongoing audit readiness by maintaining robust controls, documentation, and compliance processes
- Serve as Deputy Enterprise Data Officer (EDO), providing leadership, guidance, and continuity in data governance and oversight activities

Essential Requirements:

- 15+ Years of experience in Data Governance or related field, with strong interest in Governance and Application of AI
- PhD or MSc in Statistics, Bioinformatics, Computer Science, Biostatistics, or a related quantitative discipline.
- Experience in drug discovery and/or life sciences, with an understanding of data-driven research environments and familiarity with clinical data and real world data, paired with an advanced knowledge in bioinformatics, computer science, or related quantitative disciplines.
- Solid understanding and practical application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in a business and scientific context, with proven expertise in data analysis, data science, and deriving actionable insights from complex datasets.
- Proven, driven leader, with a strong track record in leading and developing high-performing global teams
- Extensive experience in defining and delivering enterprise data strategies aligned to business objectives
- Track record of driving innovation and embedding new technologies or data-driven approaches at scale
- Proven ability to excel in fast-paced environments, with a strong focus on execution and delivering results
- Demonstrated ability to lead and collaborate effectively across organizational boundaries.
- Strong enterprise thinking mindset, particularly with Data Privacy and Enterprise Data Management (EDM) stakeholders

Desirable requirements:

- Scientific background would be an advantage
- Cybersecurity interest or experience, related to data security
- Familiarity with Palantir Foundry

Commitment to Diversity & Inclusion:

We are committed to building an outstanding, inclusive work environment and diverse teams representative of the patients and communities we serve.

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Role Requirements

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Business Unit

Research

Location

LOC_IE

Site

Dublin (NOCC)

Company / Legal Entity

IE02 (FCRS = IE002) Novartis Ireland Ltd

Functional Area

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Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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