

Research Director, Oncology research,

At Thyas, we are aiming to deliver curative cell-based immunotherapies to patients with cancers and other deadly diseases. Thyas has innovative science originating from Dr. Shin Kaneko, the Center of iPS cell Research and Application, Kyoto University, and a unique and disruptive approach to creating “energized” T cells and other immune cells. We are first and foremost focused on understanding iPS cells and their differentiation to many immune cells. Thyas is capable of producing “energized” T cells at a clinical production size for both autologous application from patient-derived samples, and off-the-shelf application from allogeneic iPS Cell lines. In addition, we have an entree to potential highly efficient manufacturing opportunities in Kyoto. We are working as a cohesive and collaborative team with our colleagues and collaborators. Our culture is based on Science, Respect, Courage, and Collaboration.

Thyas is seeking a qualified candidate to join our discovery team in Kyoto as an experienced research director. The ideal candidate will play a critical role in directing oncology research using iPSC-derived immune cells for the treatment of cancers

In this role you will be responsible for:

Essential Functions:

- Leverage immune cells, tumor biology, or tumor microenvironment expertise in collaborative efforts with our research team to develop, influence and enhance our understanding of iPSC derived immune cell products.
- Design, plan, execute, and manage proof of concept studies spanning multiple programs to assess cell therapy products’ function and potential efficacy.
- Identify and validate cell therapy targets for TCR or CAR.
- Collect, maintain, and organize primary data for timely analysis in accordance with company policy.
- Prepare and present data to team members and larger multidisciplinary teams.
- Take initiative to perform routine laboratory tasks and upkeep of the lab space in order to maintain conditions that are conducive to excellent scientific work.

Preferred Experience:

- Experience in the treatment/understanding of the concepts of the treatment of solid tumors, particularly lung cancer is an advantage
- Pharmaceutical or biotech industry drug development experience
- Have a keen interest and understanding of (late stage) drug development
- Experience of working in a cross functional team
- Desire and ability to interact internal and external experts, clinical investigators and corporate partners
- Demonstration of the ability to evaluate, interpret and present complex scientific and clinical data
- Excellent leadership, presentation and communication skills
- Being able to participate in strategy discussions and provide expert opinion regarding current or future clinical development would be an advantage

Preferred Education:

- Ph.D. in scientific discipline w 5+ yrs experience in academic research or industry. BA or MS plus 8+ yrs or equivalent combination of education and work experience



At Thyas, we believe that the highest performing teams include people from various backgrounds and experiences who respectfully challenge each other. We are committed to building an open, diverse, and inclusive culture for all employees. Thyas is proud to be an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate based on race, color, citizenship status, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, religion, creed, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, veteran status or any other characteristics protected under applicable laws.

We've learned from experience that some of the best people don't always match our requirements perfectly - if you're interested and think you could fit, please don't hesitate to apply.