

European Patent Attorney – Oncology

Vienna, Austria

THE OPPORTUNITY:

You will join a global leading pharmaceutical company which is steeped in a history of research and innovation. Boehringer Ingelheim is a company which is active across human pharmaceuticals, animal health, and biopharmaceuticals. A global group of companies, Boehringer Ingelheim embraces many cultures and diverse societies and yet, what sets the company apart from many of the other leading worldwide pharmaceutical corporations is their wish to remain a family-run privately owned company which cares deeply about balancing professional and personal commitments and in engendering a nurturing spirt.

You join a research-driven organisation where seventy-two percent of total net sales are generated from their human pharmaceutical division. As part of the patent attorney team located in Vienna, Austria, you will be responsible for managing patent related matters for "small molecule"/ NCE drug discovery projects in the field of oncology, at various stages of the preclinical and clinical pipeline. You are in the privileged position of being on-site with the research group, and with whom you will be interacting daily in identifying new inventions and evaluating competitor landscape and FTO issues.

THE ROLE:

You will be in close proximity to your internal clients, thus maximising the efficiency of communication and fostering a strong sense of collaboration. You will be assigned a mixed portfolio of projects, at various stages of the preclinical and clinical pipeline - suffice it to say, you will have a diet of work which will be varied and challenging.

The first six to twelve months will be spent understanding the culture of the business and assimilating the various technologies within the Vienna site. You join a team of attorneys and paralegal support who will be there to support you and guide you through the myriad of IP issues. As you develop your understanding of each project under your charge, you must adopt a good appreciation of the competitive pressures and be able to advise from a commercial viewpoint whilst also ensuring maximum optimisation and exploitation of the innovation.

Your reporting line will be to the Head of Patents who will facilitate your transition into the department and will be there to support you when needed but the expectation is that each patent attorney working for Boehringer Ingelheim can do so in an autonomous, empowered manner with minimal supervision. You become the expert advisor for the projects under your charge.

KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED:

- Degree educated (ideally to Ph.D. level) in Chemistry, Biochemistry or related degree.
- Ideally, experience as a patent attorney in drug discovery and development although other related industries will be considered.
- European Patent Attorney.
- Experience in European and national patent laws and in managing patent portfolios for multiple jurisdictions.
- Experience in drafting and negotiating IP clauses in collaboration and licensing agreements.
- Excellent communication skills, especially in English, which is the working language.