The Arthritis Society has been setting lives in motion for almost 70 years. Dedicated to a vision of living well while creating a future without arthritis, The Society is Canada's principal health charity providing education programs and support to the over 4.6 million Canadians living with arthritis. Since its founding in 1948, The Society has been the largest non-government funder of arthritis research in Canada, investing over $195 million in projects that have led to breakthroughs in the diagnosis, treatment and care of people with arthritis. The Arthritis Society is accredited under Imagine Canada's Standards Program.

Chief Science Officer

National Office | Location: Toronto

Reporting to the President & Chief Executive Officer, and an active member of the senior leadership team (SLT), the Chief Science Officer (CSO) is responsible for driving the scientific, research, advocacy, public policy and program & services agenda of The Arthritis Society, both internally and externally, in ways that measurably accelerate progress towards expanding the organization's reach and impact.

This senior leadership role will be the architect of the overall strategy to drive growth, centred around the vision to make a transformative impact on arthritis prevention and care in the search for a cure, and will work in close collaboration with the President & CEO, SLT and senior volunteers on the scientific and medical advisory committees in order to achieve that outcome. As chief spokesperson, this individual will represent the work of the organization and its partners as a thought leader in government, media and other contexts.

Together with the President & CEO and SLT, the CSO will be a key member of the leadership team with broader responsibility for overall organizational strategy, and will also play a significant role in stewarding, cultivating and soliciting major donors, as supported by the revenue development team.

The CSO recruits and develops talent within the arthritis ecosystem to serve the mandate of The Society in employed, partnership and senior/expert volunteer capacities and builds relationships across a wide range of academic and medical institutions, health charities, government and industry forums to advance the mission of The Society.

Required Skills and Experience:

The CSO will have doctoral-level training (PhD and/or MD) in a clinical and/or research discipline relevant to patient-centered outcomes, research and familiarity with clinical and/or health services research, and experience with the translation of research into practice. The successful candidate will have a distinguished record of research leadership, including experience building a successful research program, recruiting and mentoring research staff, and a record of scientific contribution. The individual will have experience and insight into bringing an evidence-based approach to the overall mission and organizational strategy of The Society as well as the linkages between the research, advocacy and program strategies to achieve the vision.

The CSO brings a patient-centered, public health perspective to developing and implementing the research strategy and to funding arthritis research. A record of innovative thought leadership in research is of particular interest. Direct experience in conducting empirical research, either experimental or observational, and experience in conducting systematic reviews and evidence synthesis are highly desirable.

We are seeking talented individuals who embrace our core values and are passionate about our cause. If you are interested in and qualified for this exciting leadership opportunity, please submit a covering letter and resume in the strictest of confidence to hr@arthritis.ca by **June 30, 2017.** For more information, please visit our website at www.arthritis.ca/careers