

# Associate Director, R&D Executive Communications and Storytelling

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USA

## Summary

This position will be located at the Cambridge, MA site and will not have the ability to be located remotely. This position will require about 10% travel as defined by the business (domestic and/ or international). Please note that this role would not provide relocation and only local candidates will be considered.

As Associate Director, Biomedical Research (BR) Executive Communications and Research & Development (R&D) Storytelling at Novartis, you will play a critical role in shaping and executing R&D-focused communications strategies and narratives to engage priority audiences, internally and externally. You will work closely with the Director of R&D Executive Comms and Storytelling to support the President of Biomedical Research. You will help lead the development and delivery of impactful executive communications, with a focus on driving thought leadership, media engagement, and social media approaches. You will also collaborate with colleagues across Novartis to conceptualize and execute creative campaigns to tell the company's science and innovation story and enhance Novartis R&D reputation.

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## About the Role

### Key Responsibilities:

- Co-develop and execute an impactful executive communications strategy for the President of Biomedical Research to engage priority audiences and build thought leadership in line with Novartis corporate strategy.
- Lead development of executive content, including long-form thought leadership articles and social media posts.
- Support BR President's organizational messaging and speaking engagements needs by preparing briefings, talking points, memos, and speeches.
- Manage BR President's social media channels with a focus on strengthening audience engagement.
- Provide strategic communications counsel to BR President, R&D leaders, and associates. Support media relations efforts and staff interviews as needed.
- Conceptualize and execute creative, future-facing communications strategies and content to tell the Novartis science and innovation story and engage priority audiences.
- Develop and maintain strong network with internal partners and key stakeholders. Collaborate closely across the Novartis Corporate Affairs team and the company's Research, Development and Commercial continuum to ensure consistent narrative and messaging alignment.

- Serve as a subject matter expert on Novartis Biomedical Research strategic initiatives and priorities, including focused disease areas, technology platforms, partnerships, publications, and scientific leadership.
- Exemplify a predictive mindset seeking multidirectional insights to understand our environments and stakeholders, and embrace iterative, measurable experimentation and action.
- Effectively track and measure programs and initiatives to inform decision-making and ensure impact and progress against our goals.

#### **Essential Requirements:**

- Bachelor's degree
- 6+ years in communications role with a focus on at least one of the following: Executive Communications, Science Communications, R&D Communications, and/or related fields in the Life Sciences.
- Demonstrated ability to conceptualize and execute high quality science- and innovation-focused communications strategies and content.
- Extensive experience working with senior leaders to advance priority communications.
- Exceptional leadership, communication, collaboration and stakeholder management abilities; ability to influence at a senior level and navigate complexity
- Demonstrated ability to execute strategic and creative communications and storytelling; exceptional writing skills and demonstrated ability to navigate complexity and produce high-quality copy on tight deadlines.
- Analytical skills with the ability to interpret data and insights to drive decision-making.
- Ability to thrive in a fast-paced, dynamic environment and drive results under tight deadlines.

#### **Desirable Requirements:**

- Degree subject area in Communications, Public Relations, Journalism, or related field.
- Strong understanding of biomedical science and/or industry R&D.

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Division

Corporate Affairs

Business Unit

CTS

Location

USA

State

Massachusetts

Site

Cambridge (USA)

Company / Legal Entity

U061 (FCRS = US002) Novartis Services, Inc.

Functional Area

Communications & Public Affairs

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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