

Position Title	Principal Scientist
Country	United States
Work Location	The Principal Scientist can reside anywhere, although periodic visits will be required to Austin, Texas and Hamburg, Germany, as well as various research institutions located in the United States and Europe
Employer	Beyond Batten Disease Foundation
Functional Area	Research-Scientific analysis / communication
Job Type	Full Time Contract
Duration	Up to one year, based on need, with the potential to become a regular full-time position.
Job Description	<p>The Principal Scientist will evaluate the current research status relating to an orphan disease called Batten disease (also called Spielmeyer-Vogt disease or juvenile neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis). Batten disease is the most common inherited neurodegenerative disorder of childhood. This evaluation will potentially identify new avenues of research and support the Foundation in forming its future research funding strategy.</p> <p>The main duties are the creation and execution of a scientific evaluation strategy, as well as the generation of appropriate documentation to be summarized in a White Paper. The candidate will perform extensive interviews and interact with research teams and patient groups worldwide to obtain the necessary data. This will include visits to various locations throughout the United States and Europe.</p> <p>The work of the Principal Scientist will help extend and strengthen the scientific network of international research centers. It is our goal to facilitate fast and efficient knowledge transfer between similar institutions, e.g. the Beyond Batten Disease Foundation and the German NCL-Foundation to expedite the pace of research related to Batten Disease. Innovative and interdisciplinary thinking towards the development of a White Paper is expected.</p>

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Minimum requirements	We are seeking a highly motivated person with a terminal degree in the life sciences, e.g., an M.D. or Ph.D. in biochemistry, molecular biology or a related discipline and fewer than 3 years of post-doctoral training. Prior experience in one or more of the following areas preferred: 1) neurobiology; 2) neurodegenerative diseases; 3) orphan drug development. Candidates must be able to work independently and also participate in teams. Strong analytical and problem-solving skills and scientific creativity are essential, as well as excellent organizational and presentation skills. Computer literacy (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint) is required. Excellent oral and written communication skills in English are required as well as successful experience in scientific project management. Candidates must be able to travel internationally.
Compensation	Compensation is commensurate with experience and background.
Applications	Applications should include a CV, names and addresses of two references, salary requirements and a cover letter. Please email applications to Research@ncl-foundation.com .
Deadline	September 30, 2009

Additional information can be obtained by visiting www.beyondbatten.org or www.ncl-foundation.com.