

Vice President, Government Relations

Innovative Medicines Canada

Location: Ottawa

Innovative Medicines Canada (IMC) is the national association representing the voice of Canada's innovative pharmaceutical industry. The association advocates for policies that drive the discovery, development and delivery of transformative medicines and vaccines to all Canadians to live longer and healthier lives. The association represents 49 member companies that play a pivotal role in bolstering the Canadian economy. Through their collective efforts, these companies support 107,000 high-quality, well-paying jobs and stimulate an annual economic activity exceeding \$15.9 billion. Guided by the Code of Ethical Practices, all members work with governments, private payers, healthcare professionals and stakeholders in a highly ethical manner.

Reporting to the President, the **Vice President, Government Relations**, is responsible for formulating and implementing an influential government relations and stakeholder strategy, which continues to develop IMC as a thought leader and partner in matters pertaining to healthcare and the broader industry. You will lead a team of specialists in federal and provincial government relations and stakeholder engagement to ensure the organization adopts comprehensive, well-aligned, and effective advocacy practices. The successful execution and delivery of association strategies, which are interdependent with policy and communications teams, will fall under your purview. Moreover, you will assume a pivotal role in steering the direction of key operational committees and cultivating relationships at both the national and regional levels.

As the ideal candidate, you come with a minimum of ten years of experience leading a government relations function and team, preferably in government advocacy, not-for-profit, or the private sector, and particularly within a government regulated industry. You possess political acuity, good judgement, and experience building relationships with government officials, think tanks, and influential figures within the healthcare research, health system, economic, and pharmaceutical sectors. This, combined with your advocacy prowess and keen awareness of organizational dynamics, enables you to effectively position IMC among key stakeholders in federal, territorial, and provincial governments. Creative and strategic, you are comfortable navigating member-driven, board-governed environments, and embrace challenges with energy, enthusiasm, and a bias to action. Your ability to communicate in both official languages is a prerequisite for this position.

To apply for this position, please submit your application materials to John Caminiti and Olivia Pfeffer at opfeffer@boyden.com, and state the title of the position in the subject line of your e-mail.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those under consideration for the role will be contacted.

Innovative Medicines Canada (IMC) is committed to building diverse, equitable, inclusive, and accessible working environments and welcomes those who would contribute to the further diversification of staff including, but not limited to, women, racialized persons, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity to apply.