

Head, AI Strategy and Governance

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The Head, AI Strategy & Governance is responsible for maintaining, operationalizing, and continuously improving the Development AI strategy, governance model, and decision-support processes in partnership with the Head of Development AI and senior leadership.

The role enables and drives strategic decision-making for the AI portfolio, ensuring that priorities, investments, and capability evolution are consistently informed by robust competitive intelligence, external benchmarking, and market signals.

Acting as the central strategic integrator across Development, DDIT, and enterprise AI bodies, the role ensures that governance forums, portfolio recommendations, and enterprise interfaces are well-run, evidence-based, and aligned, while final strategy, investment, and governance decisions remain with accountable senior leaders and decision forums.

About the Role

AI Strategy, Competitive Intelligence & Strategic Positioning

- Maintain and evolve the Development AI strategic narrative, planning materials, and strategic priorities in partnership with the Head of Development AI
- Establish and continuously mature a structured competitive intelligence capability (external benchmarking, competitor tracking, regulatory and technology landscape monitoring)
- Synthesize competitive intelligence into actionable strategic insights to support leadership decision-making
- Prepare decision materials enabling leadership trade-offs across AI initiatives based on value, risk, and competitive positioning
- Monitor changes in the external landscape and recommend updates to strategic priorities, assumptions, and focus areas
- Provide clear strategic visibility to senior leadership through structured updates and decision support

AI Portfolio Strategy & Value Governance

- Maintain portfolio prioritization principles, decision frameworks, and evaluation criteria used by leadership to make investment decisions
- Integrate competitive intelligence, external benchmarks, and innovation signals into portfolio recommendations
- Coordinate portfolio reviews and prepare recommendations on priorities, sequencing, and trade-offs
- Maintain the value governance framework, including methods for defining, measuring, and assessing AI impact
- Track and report portfolio-level progress, decision follow-through, and value realization for leadership forums

AI Governance & Risk Oversight (Strategic)

- Maintain and continuously improve the Development AI governance framework, processes, and maturity roadmap in partnership with accountable leaders.
- Ensure alignment of governance approach with enterprise frameworks, regulatory expectations, and Responsible AI standards.
- Monitor governance effectiveness, risk themes, and compliance signals, and escalate issues to accountable decision-makers.
- Clarify governance roles, responsibilities, and forum interfaces to support effective decision-making and accountability

AI Operating Model & Organizational Design

- Maintain and refine the Development AI operating model, including governance processes, decision interfaces, and role clarity
- Document and socialize decision rights, escalation paths, and accountability structures
- Coordinate interfaces across Strategy, Governance, Product & Program Delivery, DSAI, DDIT, and enterprise AI teams
- Recommend operating model improvements to support scale, clarity, and execution effectiveness

Governance Bodies & Enterprise Liaison

- Run and coordinate AI governance forums within Development, including agenda-setting, decision preparation, documentation, and follow-through
- Serve as key liaison to enterprise AI Office, Trailblazer, and company-wide governance bodies
- Coordinate Development inputs into enterprise AI discussions and communicate outcomes back to stakeholders
- Support leadership by ensuring governance forums are well-structured, insight-driven, and decision-oriented

Innovation, External Engagement & Ecosystem

- Identify and develop external partnership opportunities and ecosystem insights aligned with AI priorities
- Leverage competitive intelligence to assess and frame partnership options for leadership decision-making
- Coordinate external engagement activities and represent Development as delegated
- Maintain visibility of external AI ecosystem and translate developments into strategic recommendations

AI Capability Building & Change Management

- Identify capability implications of the AI strategy and governance model
- Recommend priority capability-building initiatives based on strategic and competitive needs
- Partner with learning, change, and functional teams to coordinate enablement efforts
- Track effectiveness of capability-building efforts in supporting adoption and governance maturity

Leadership & Organizational Impact

- Lead the team responsible for AI strategy support, governance operations, portfolio decision support, and enterprise coordination
- Promote clarity of roles, responsibilities, and decision processes across stakeholders
- Drive cross-functional coordination across Development, DDIT, and enterprise AI organizations

Requirements:

Education

(minimum/desirable): Advanced degree (PhD/Master) in data science, AI, technology, or scientific discipline

Languages: Fluent English (oral and written)

Experience/Professional:

- Extensive experience in AI, data, digital, or technology-driven transformation
- Proven track record in defining and executing strategy in complex environments
- Experience in governance, compliance, or risk management frameworks
- Strong experience in portfolio management and cross-functional program delivery
- Experience working with external partners and innovation ecosystems
- Demonstrated leadership in global, matrix organizations influencing without authority
- Strong understanding of pharmaceutical development landscape

Rewards

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Expected Annual Base Salary Range for role:

- Dublin: 121,380.00 - 225,420.00 EUR Annual

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Primary location salary range

€121,380.00 - €225,420.00

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Business Unit

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Ирландия
Сайт
Dublin (NOCC)
Company / Legal Entity
IE02 (FCRS = IE002) Novartis Ireland Ltd
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