

Business Lead/ Future CEO & Co-Founder of Malva

a Digital Health startup in spin-off process with a solution for turning complex cellular data into tangible industrial and clinical impact

Location: Berlin-based

Period: August–December 2026 (with potential for longer commitment)

Malva is an IP-protected deep-tech platform in spin-off phase, making single-cell and multi-omics data instantly searchable, comparable, and interoperable; analyses that once took weeks now run in seconds. The project is currently supported by the BIH Digital Health Accelerator Program (DHA) in Berlin and led by a world-renowned team with a background in Medical Systems Biology.

We are looking for a CEO and Co-Founder to join the team and help build the next phase of Malva as a spin-off. You will be part of the core team to bring a breakthrough innovation closer to market.

Your Role & Key Responsibilities:

- As a part of the founding team, you will prepare the company foundation of Malva
- You will further develop the business strategy, business case, and sales concept
- You will finalize the investor pitch deck including investment case, and lead the acquisition of seed funding
- After founding the spin-off as a legal entity, you will take on the various interdisciplinary tasks of CEO, accompanying the project leads in the spin-off process
- You will further develop the business strategy, deepen the business planning, be responsible for lead commercial validation, customer acquisition and early enterprise deployments following spin-off
- You will remain flexible and continuously redefine your role proactively in collaboration with the team to drive Malva forward in the best possible way.

Your Profile:

- Founder/CEO with a proven record of building and scaling innovative businesses.
- Strong business/finance background, successful at raising VC or strategic investment.
- 15+ years senior leadership in pharma, biotech, or related industries, with deep R&D and commercialization expertise.
- Skilled at developing/executing commercial strategies, forming partnerships, driving international growth; extensive network of senior decision-makers (Asian market experience is a strong advantage).
- Expertise in enterprise AI-/data-driven platforms that support pharma R&D.
- Strategic thinker who blends entrepreneurial vision with hands-on execution and decisive action in fast-moving environments.
- Strong leader recruiting and leading multidisciplinary teams; excellent communicator (English fluent) engaging scientists, customers, partners, investors, and boards.
- Available 20–50 % during the BIH DHA phase, full-time after incorporation.

- Passionate about turning world-class scientific innovation into a global company that accelerates drug discovery and benefits patients.

What You Can Expect or What to Gain?

- Become founding CEO and Co-Founder of a deep-tech spin-off from a leading systems-biology institute.
- Lead Malva from validated technology to a global enterprise platform for pharma and biotech; define strategy, fundraising, partnerships, and business development.
- Build and lead a multidisciplinary team's culture, governance, and long-term growth.
- Engage leading pharma/biotech firms, investors, and partners to position Malva as a trusted solution for next-generation drug discovery and precision medicine.
- Participate in the BIH DHA program on a flexible consulting basis; after incorporation transition to full-time CEO with equity and executive compensation.
- Play a role in unlocking complex omics data to accelerate innovative therapies.

The co-founders

We are a senior staff scientist and computational biologist from the Max Delbrück Center (MDC) and the Berlin Institute of Health (BIH). We combine internationally recognized expertise in systems biology, computational biology, AI-driven data analysis, and single-cell/multi-omics technologies.

About the BIH Digital Health Accelerator Program

The BIH Digital Health Accelerator (DHA), funded by the German Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR), is Germany's leading venture-building program for digital health and life science innovations developed within leading academic and clinical institutions. Rather than funding research alone, the program supports interdisciplinary teams in transforming outstanding scientific discoveries into market-ready products and successful companies through dedicated product development, entrepreneurial support, funding, and access to an extensive network of mentors, industry experts, investors, and strategic partners. Malva benefits from dedicated entrepreneurial support and a unique ecosystem of experts, investors, and industry partners. <https://dha.bihealth.org/>

Next Steps:

If you are interested in working with Malva and its team,

Please get in touch: jobs@malva.bio

Visit us at <https://dha.bihealth.org/project/malva/>

- Your CV and/or LinkedIn profile highlighting relevant experience
- A few lines why you are interested to work in a startup in this area
- A short note on your availability and preferred engagement mode