

BIOGRAPHY: Allan Jones, PhD, Chief Executive Officer

Allan Jones joined the Allen Institute in 2003 to help start up the organization as one of its first employees. Bringing extensive expertise in project leadership and high-throughput genomics operations from prior management positions at Merck and Co., Rosetta Inpharmatics, and Avitech Diagnostics, he was instrumental in recruiting an integrated interdisciplinary team, building the Institute's scientific operations from the ground up and successfully driving the Allen Mouse Brain Atlas to completion in 2006. Working closely with the founders, scientific, and business advisors, he provided strategic leadership and vision through the expansion of the Institute's portfolio of large-scale, high impact initiatives from the mouse brain atlas through to work on the human brain. Following a focused business model for project planning and execution, he has driven multiple projects from conception to delivery as free, public resources, gaining support from the NIH, foundations and other funders to further expand the Institute's offerings. Jones has broad scientific experience in genetics, molecular biology, and development. He holds a BS degree in biology from Duke University and a PhD in genetics and developmental biology from Washington University School of Medicine.