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## **Job Description – Chemistry Laboratory Technician**

### **The company**

**Oxford HighQ** spun-out from the University of Oxford in 2018 following a decade of research. We are world-leading in the fabrication and exploitation of optical microcavities for highly sensitive measurements in the fields of nanoparticle and chemical analysis.

The successful candidate will be joining a young team at a relatively early stage of the company development and will have the opportunity to develop their professional and scientific skills in tandem with the growth of the business, in a supportive and scientifically-focused environment.

### **The role**

We are seeking an experienced laboratory technician to support our chemical and biological assay development team. You will be joining experienced chemists, biochemists and nanoparticle scientists in their work to develop next-generation chemical and nanoparticle sensors.

### **Key responsibilities**

- Provide technical support to the rest of the team
- Preparing samples and stock reagents
- Performing laboratory tests, producing reliable and precise data to support scientific investigations
- Recording, interpreting and presenting results to the scientific team
- Maintaining an inventory of chemicals, placing orders, arranging for safe disposal of waste products and maintaining scientific equipment
- Undertaking chemical risk assessments and following strict health and safety protocols

### **Essential candidate criteria**

- Experience in working in chemical laboratories, preferably in an industrial/analytical laboratory **OR**
- Educated to HND or degree-level in a chemistry- or biology-related science with strong practical laboratory skill
- Ability to learn new practical techniques and to apply this knowledge to solve technical problems
- Diligent, disciplined scientific approach
- Independent self-starter with excellent organisational skills. Time-management and excellent record keeping are essential, as you will be supporting scientists working on several different projects
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Applicants must have the permanent right to work in the UK

### **Preferred criteria**

- Familiarity with colorimetric assays and immunoassays would be beneficial.

### **COVID-19 considerations:**

To keep our employees as safe as possible, we have rigorous H&S protocols which we expect all staff to follow carefully. We work in 'bubbles' of no more than 2/3 people & provide masks, gloves, and hand sanitiser along with standard H&S equipment.

### **GDPR**

We will only process the data of candidates we are actively considering for this role and for recruitment purposes only. We will store this data in a limited access applicant tracking system until the role is filled and will not share it with anyone else. When that period is over, we will either delete your data or ask you whether you agree to us keeping your information in our database for future roles. Our privacy policy is available on request.

### **Equality of opportunity**

The Company is committed to promoting equality of opportunity for all staff and job applicants. We aim to create a working environment in which all individuals are able to make best use of their skills, free from discrimination or harassment, and in which all decisions are based on merit.

**Job Type:** Full-time, Contract

**Salary:** £22,000.00-£26,000.00 per year

**job Reference ID:** NS.ChemLT/202008.02

**Company Benefits** include:

- Casual Dress
- Company Pension
- Life Insurance
- Sick Pay
- Store Discounts

**How to Apply:**

Submit your CV and cover letter which should refer specifically to how your experience meets the key responsibilities and criteria outlined.

**Application deadline:** 11/09/2020 @ 17:00 hrs. Please be aware that if we find a suitable candidate prior to the deadline, we may close the job advert early.

**NO AGENCIES PLEASE.**