NOVACYT GROUP

VACANCY

Job title : Research Associate
Location: Southampton (Primerdesign)
Closing date : 28 February 2020

Job Summary

Primerdesign is looking for an enthusiastic and talented Research Associate for an opportunity to join an expanding R&D department within a fast-growing and friendly biotech business.

We are experts in real-time PCR, a molecular biology technique for detecting the presence of DNA and quantifying it. We have customers in many different industries including academia, research, healthcare, food industry and the veterinary industry selling to over 100 countries worldwide.

An exciting new venture for the company lies with developing and selling IVD CE marked PCR assays, giving you the chance to make a difference to the future healthcare industry. As a Research Associate, your primary role will be to develop and test products to ensure regulatory and customer requirements are met.

Main duties and responsibilities

- Assist in the design and written protocols for development studies, ensuring compliance with all applicable regulatory standards (eg IVD Directive or CLSI guidelines).
- Assist in the execution of development studies, ensuring compliance with all applicable laboratory practices.
- Assist in the data analysis and report writing of development studies, ensuring compliance with all applicable regulatory standards.
- Contribute to the developing CE marking pipeline currently being established within the company.
- Support CE marking project scientist to manage and ensure validation plans are in line with strategy.
- Participate in R&D project team meetings as needed.
- Assist with laboratory and assay design-related tasks as and when asked. This may include the development and optimization of new and existing products.
- Ensure the completion of research-related documentation (including technical summaries) in line with an ISO13485 quality management system.
- Provide regular progress reports on assigned projects.
- The provision of expert technical support for customers may be required.

Qualifications and experience required

Essential

- Candidates should have as a minimum, a Bachelor's degree in a related field and at least 2 years' experience within a similar role in industry.
- Previous PCR knowledge and hands-on experience is a must.
- Valuable clinical samples will be handled frequently so strong laboratory experience and confidence is essential.
- The ability to work well within a team and have strong written and verbal communication skills is critical.
- Excellent organizational skills and outstanding attention to detail are required for this role.

Desirable

- Experience of working within a quality system is highly advantageous, particularly ISO 13485.
- Previous experience in scientific product development or creating complex study designs desired.
- Previous statistical data analysis experience would be beneficial.
- Experience handling Hazard Group 2 organisms in a Category 2 Laboratory would be of interest.

Please ensure that you notify your current manager that you are applying for an Internal position.

Hours of Work	37.5 hours per week

For further information or to apply for this vacancy please e-mail Kay Campbell, HR kay.campbell@novacyt.com