

VACANCY

Job title: Senior Scientist - Validation

Location: Southampton

We are Novacyt, a rapidly growing diagnostics group specialising in infectious diseases. We have a number of successful brands and serve a large global customer base, from hospitals to large corporates.

Primerdesign, part of the Novacyt Group, is a leading provider of RT PCR solutions. We have thousands of happy customers based across the globe and have a real ambition to drive our business forward and achieve even more. We have delivered exceptional products to combat formidable challenges. We developed the world's first swine flu detection kit, played an important part in uncovering the UK's horse meat scandal and are currently producing high-performing detection kits to support the fight against COVID-19.

We're now looking for a Senior Scientist - Validation to join our team on a full-time basis working 37.5 hours per week.

Job Summary

Primerdesign is looking for an enthusiastic and talented Senior Scientist 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 nucleic acids. We have customers in many different industries including academia, research, diagnostics, food industry and the veterinary industry selling to over 100 countries worldwide.

An exciting new venture for the company lies with developing CE IVD diagnostic assays and designing innovative molecular diagnostics solutions. Your primary role will be to lead a team heavily involved in these activities.

Main duties and responsibilities

- Independent study lead responsibilities for CE marking and research projects
- Independent driving of projects and responsibility for project progress
- Line management of junior team members
- Keeping up to date with the latest in technological advancements in the field
- Serve as a scientific consultant during client visits
- Presentation of work to management team
- The provision of expert technical support and problem solving for customers and the manufacturing team
- Independent contributions to interdepartmental activities
- Customer relationship management
- 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.
- Ensure the completion of research-related documentation (including technical summaries) in line with an ISO13485 quality management system.
- Produce content for sales and marketing teams including webinars, presentations, delivery of customer Q&A sessions.
- Leading by example (e.g. practices and behaviors)
- Report writing
- Participation in Clinical Performance team meetings and project team meetings

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 essential.
- Ability to plan experiments, problem solve and progress projects independently
- 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

- PhD in a related field
- 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.

The Benefits

- Competitive salary
- 25 days' annual leave
- Ability to buy and sell annual leave
- Cycle to work scheme
- Refer a friend scheme
- Life assurance
- Private medical insurance
- Group pension scheme

It's an exciting time to join our team as we are making huge leaps in the fight against COVID-19 and have recently been awarded a Breakthrough of the Year award at the European Mediscience Awards 2020.

We are the best in the world at what we do. If you are looking to learn, grow and succeed as part of a passionate team who are eager to make a difference, we want to hear from you.

Hours of Work	37.5 hours per week
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