Senior Scientist – Biology

LifeArc is the new name for MRC Technology, a medical research charity with a 25 year legacy of helping scientists and organisations turn their research into treatments and diagnostics for patients.

LifeArc is pioneering new ways to turn great science into greater patient impact. It brings together a network of partners to tackle specific diseases and directly funds academic and early stage research.

Our Centre for Therapeutics Discovery (CTD) in Stevenage operates at the interface between academic research and the drug discovery industry. We take novel academic targets and generate lead stage small molecules and therapeutic antibodies for indications with unmet medical need.

The Biology Group supports both small molecule and antibody projects, working closely with our Chemistry and Biotherapeutics Groups. We are looking for a Senior Scientist to provide support for our on-going drug discovery projects in the neuroscience disease area. You will be a Post-Doctoral Scientist with several years’ relevant laboratory experience in neurodegeneration and/or neuroinflammation with practical experience in relevant cell and molecular biology techniques, primary neuronal/glial culture and immune cell culture. Good knowledge of neurodegenerative disease and inflammatory pathways would be advantageous. It would be highly beneficial to have experience in drug discovery and line management although this is not essential.

As part of a project team and collaborating with internal and external scientists, you will independently design and perform target validation experiments and cell-based assays suitable for the profiling of compounds and/or antibodies. You should also be sufficiently experienced to lead on the scientific rationale and to propose novel avenues of research to progress the project. You are likely to be working on more than one project at any one time.

Your salary will be determined by qualifications and experience. In addition, LifeArc offers a defined contribution pension scheme, private health insurance, a flexible benefits scheme and 31 days paid holiday per year.

LifeArc is committed to the principles and practices of equal opportunities and to encouraging the establishment of a diverse workforce. It is our policy to employ individuals on the basis of their suitability for the work to be performed and their potential for development, regardless of age, sex, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, disability, marital status, pregnancy or maternity, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief. This includes creating a culture that fully reflects our commitment to equal opportunities for all.

To apply please email your CV and covering letter explaining why you want to work for LifeArc to: recruitment@lifearc.org or by post to Recruitment, LifeArc, Accelerator Building, Open Innovation Campus, Stevenage, SG1 2FX (electronic applications preferred).

Closing date: 17 November 2017