

## Laboratory Technician

**Working hours 37.5 per week, 5 day rota shift basis. The shift rota covers 6 days (May be required to work on a weekend shift. Shifts run either 09:00-17:00 or 11:00-19:00 depending on allocation).**

**NIHR-National Biosample Centre ("UK Biocentre"), Milton Keynes**

**Salary range - £8.50ph increasing to £9.00ph upon completion of training**

### The Organisation

NIHR-National Biosample Centre was established in Milton Keynes 2015 by the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) as part of a national infrastructure to support UK Biomedical Sciences in the academic and commercial sector. It offers a suite of services to researchers involved in studies that collect and process samples from human subjects. These services enable existing studies to be undertaken more effectively and the scale of its operation enables new studies to begin that were not previously feasible or affordable. Having established its core infrastructure, NIHR-NBC is expanding the range of services it offers to the biomedical community.

### The Role

UK Biocentre Ltd is looking for individuals who have basic laboratory skills and an interest in working in the life sciences sector. As a laboratory technician you will perform a variety of tasks, which includes but is not limited to, manual and automated liquid handling tasks, sample preparation, reformatting and nucleic acid extraction, quantification and normalisation. In addition to this you will be trained on how to operate and maintain laboratory equipment, both manual and automated as well as understanding the importance of complying with laboratory standard operating procedures. This role provides an ideal grounding in laboratory skills, data management and experience with working with state-of-the-art automation platforms in the context of a service laboratory supporting work from both the academic and commercial sector.

**To succeed in this role you will need to have the following, skills, traits and knowledge:**

#### **ESSENTIAL CRITERIA**

1. 2 A' levels; to include a science subject
2. The ability to listen and clearly demonstrate understanding of ideas and instructions.
3. The ability to plan, organise and control a number of different activities.
4. Sets and maintains high standards for self.
5. Ensures the required high quality standards are consistently met.
6. The ability to work with minimal supervision as well as part of a small team.
7. Must have a collaborative style both in approach to own area and supporting others
8. Experience of sample processing.
9. Excellent attention to detail.

#### **DESIRABLE CRITERIA**

1. Foundation degree in Biomedical Science or equivalent advantageous.
2. IBMS Certificate of Achievement advantageous.
3. Previous experience as a Medical Laboratory/Biomedical Assistant advantageous.
4. Previous experience of working in line with the requirements of ISO9001:2015 and ISO27001:2013.

To apply for this position please send your CV and a covering letter to [recruitment@ukbiocentre.com](mailto:recruitment@ukbiocentre.com) closing date for receipt of applications is **Wednesday 20 June 2018 5:00pm.**

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