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ABOUT RXCELERATE

The RxAccelerate group is an out-sourced drug development platform specializing in the design and delivery of complete drug discovery and development programs and project management for our clients spanning from an idea up to and including Phase II clinical trials.

RxAccelerate are currently looking to recruit an *in vivo* scientist to join our growing research team. This position sits within the RxBiology division, where you will be involved in preclinical testing of potential therapeutics. Our *in vivo* department specialises in working with clients to develop bespoke preclinical animal models that answer specific research questions of interest. The team cover a wide range of disease areas, with recent projects in areas such as cardiovascular disease, haemophilia, NASH and oncology.

THE ROLE

This is a hands-on role and the candidate is expected to have some experience in handling and dosing laboratory rodents. This role will provide great variety in the projects undertaken, as part of a supportive and collaborative multidisciplinary team, based at the beautiful Babraham Research Campus. The candidate should be a careful and methodical worker with keen attention to detail. They should also be self-motivated and able to organise themselves effectively, to perform their work to a high standard. Excellent and accurate record keeping with a competent level of computer literacy are essential. They will have strong communication skills and be an exceptional team-worker. We provide comprehensive training and the opportunity to refresh competencies through our highly skilled team.

Main Responsibilities

- Adhere to Home Office (ASPA) guidance on how to carry out scientific research and testing using animals.
- Be responsible for the daily tasks relating to the *in vivo* studies assigned to you. Examples include, but are not limited to, dosing and body weight monitoring of animals on study.
- Keep accurate and up-to-date records for all animals assigned to studies you are involved in.
- Assist with monitoring and maintaining RxAccelerate's in-house breeding colonies and ensure that sufficient numbers are available for scheduled studies.

Skills/Requirements

Essential

- Hands-on experience of working with research animals.
- Practical competency in regulated procedures including dosing (such as i.p., i.v., p.o., s.c.) and/or blood/tissue sampling.
- Highly organised and self-motivated.
- BSc with practical experience or ideally 2 years relevant experience.
- High ethical standards with experience of applying the 3R's.
- An active or recently revoked Home Office personal licence.
- Meticulous attention to detail.
- Strong communication skills, with proven ability to work as part of a team.
- Ability to multitask and work across multiple projects simultaneously.
- Excellent level of computer literacy.
- Ability to work flexibly (out of hours working, including weekends, evenings and public holidays, is required for this post as necessary).

Desirable

- Experience in breeding and colony management.
- Surgical experience.

This is a full-time role, which includes weekend working when required by ongoing studies. RxCelerate offers a competitive salary with an annual bonus scheme, company pension and company benefit package (life assurance, critical illness and medical insurance).

The candidate will be required to travel between sites within Cambridge; therefore, a driving licence and access to a car is essential.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter, outlining how you meet the requirements above, and curriculum vitae in PDF format to careers@rxcelerate.com by 16th September 2022. Informal enquiries can also be directed to this email address.