



TITLE

Senior Research Technician

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

This is a full-time position (1.0 FTE)

COMPANY PROFILE

Qu Biologics is a private clinical stage biopharmaceutical company located in Vancouver, BC, that develops Site Specific Immunomodulators (SSIs) that aim to reboot the body's immune system to potentially reverse the chronic inflammation underlying many conditions including cancer and other immune-mediated diseases. Qu Biologics currently has three clinical trials actively recruiting subjects, in Crohn's disease, recurrent lung cancer, and ulcerative colitis.

IS QU FOR YOU?

You love new ideas and working with a creative, fun and inspired team. You want to make a difference in the world and work with people who feel the same. You love working with other creative people who value respectful communication, inspired teamwork and working together to achieve shared goals. You are well-organized, understand the importance of detail, and able to both multi-task and prioritize duties effectively. You are practical and understand the importance of accurate and detailed documentation of research protocols and results, and you have the ability to communicate these results effectively to other team members and to the scientific community. Sound analytical skills and the ability to implement and troubleshoot experimental protocols are essential. You want to work with people and on a project that inspire you.

SUMMARY

Qu Biologics is recruiting an entry level member to their Preclinical and Translational Research team, to provide technical support in their CL-2 certified lab & vivarium. The ideal candidate must be highly organized, have excellent attention to detail and a keen interest in research. Animal husbandry experience and understanding of immunology would be an asset. Get ready to join a demanding, high-performance team functioning in an exciting, fast-paced, clinical environment!

POSITION DESCRIPTION

This role requires the candidate to work as part of a small team in a very busy preclinical research laboratory, under the direct supervision of the Director, Preclinical and Translational Research. The key responsibilities for this role are as follows:

Preclinical and Translational Research:

- Carrying out experimental in vivo models of cancer (particularly lung) and inflammatory bowel disease suitable for evaluating the safety and therapeutic efficacy of Qu's proprietary Site Specific Immunomodulators (SSIs).
- Processing clinical samples for immune profiling by flow cytometry

Animal husbandry including but not limited to:

- A working knowledge of animal related standards, CCAC guidelines and federal, provincial and local requirements (or equivalent) is required
- Performing technical procedures in rodents, such as test article administration via the intravenous, intraperitoneal, subcutaneous, oral, intradermal and intranasal routes; administration, maintenance and monitoring of anesthetics (gas and injectable)
- Experience with tumour implantation in rodents would be an advantage
- Performing tissue sampling and blood collection
- Other required duties will include general monitoring of animal health, weighing and identifying experimental animals

Immunology & Cell Biology Research

- Performing mammalian cell culture
- Extracting nucleic acid for gene expression analysis
- Using standard protocols and procedures to analyze animal & human tissues and samples (including but not limited to: FACS, ELISA, qPCR, Luminex).

General Lab duties

- Performing other facility related procedures, such as the creation and implementation of SOPs, animal care documentation (e.g., animal use protocols), record keeping, report writing and inventory maintenance & ordering.
- Knowledge of the use and handling of hazardous agents such as biological agents, cytotoxic drugs and radionuclides would be an asset.

REQUIRED TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS

- MSc or higher in a biological science with a minimum of two years of relevant experience in an academic or industry setting
- Prior experience working in an animal research facility; CALAS certification at the RLAT or RLAT(R) level is desirable
 - Note: The animal work associated with this position may require a shifted or non-traditional work schedule to include weekend duties
- Having a good understanding of molecular biology techniques (particularly optimizing and performing qPCR)
- Familiarity with basic laboratory procedures and equipment
- Ability to keep accurate records
- Well organized and conscientious

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Fluent English

DESIRED START DATE

September 1, 2015, or sooner if possible

COMPENSATION

Salary commensurate with experience. A healthcare spending account and share options are available. Three weeks annual vacation.

COMPANY

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HOW TO APPLY

If this opportunity matches your character, experience and skill set, and you would like to work in an exciting and dynamic team developing proprietary immunotherapies for cancer and autoimmune disease, the position is open and we are looking for the right candidate to fill this new position. Please email a cover letter and your resume in Microsoft Word (doc/docx) or PDF format, to the attention of Gillian Vandermeirsch, VP, Operations at jobs@qubiologics.com. Applications may also be sent by regular mail to the Business Address provided above. Applications will not be accepted by fax or over the phone.

We thank all applicants for their interest in a position at Qu Biologics. We regret that only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please note that we will not be fielding inquiries by phone.