



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Team Leader (Discovery Science Research & Development)

Group: Discovery Science / Life Science

Salary: Attractive

SUMMARY OF THE ROLE

Leading Discovery Science Research & Development. CCDC has a role for a talented individual to lead CCDC's growing life sciences team. The candidate would lead and manage an existing team of research scientists, building on a previous strong track record of delivery of science, software, consultancy services and training for the existing CSD-Discovery user base. Specifically, the team under the candidate's guidance will be responsible for maintaining key scientific relationships within the Pharmaceutical Discovery and Biotech sectors and, in so doing, informing the production and execution of the CSD-Discovery development roadmap.

Additionally, the candidate would be responsible, with the team, for maximising the value of the CSD through delivery of cutting-edge research and the generation of novel insights in the field of knowledge based Discovery Science.

The successful candidate would be a member of the Operations Management Team at CCDC integrating the Discovery Science vision within the overall CCDC strategic framework.

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Lead a team of scientists, developing and executing the CCDC's Discovery Science strategy.
- Provide expert input into the development of CSD-Discovery that delights the industrial (pharmaceutical and biotech) and academic user base.
- Ensure organisational awareness of key developments and opportunities in the Discovery/Life Sciences area.
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- As a member of the Operations Management Team at CCDC, integrate the Discovery Science vision within the overall CCDC strategic framework.
- Regularly liaise with other functions of the CCDC to ensure optimal delivery against projects, and customers' needs.
- Management of relationships with key partners, particularly in the Pharmaceutical and Biotech development sectors, via establishment of new life science Consortia around key themes. This would include arrangement of joint research projects.
- Build and maintain user communications with customers to allow alignment of Discovery Science R&D with the needs of the customer.
- Communicate feedback & agree Discovery Science direction within the CCDC Product Management framework.
- Maintain the CCDC's strong place in the Discovery Science research community worldwide.
- Facilitate the presentation of new research and development in the field of Discovery Science.

Candidate Profile

- Higher university degree in chemistry, biochemistry, physics or pharmacy (PhD, DPhil.) or equivalent experience.
- At least 5 years of working experience in drug discovery, with a proven track record of teamwork in structure-based small molecule discovery programmes, as computational or medicinal chemist.
- Successful and significant experience of leading and managing a team, including the support and development of staff.
- Good working knowledge of current software tools for structure-based design ideally with a particular focus on CSD knowledge-based approaches (ideally hands-on experience with CCDC software).
- Excellent strategic and communication skills: Ability to think analytically, to formulate succinctly, to present clearly and to develop and maintain a strategic view. Project management skills to manage multiple projects.
- An understanding of the commercial landscape for discovery science software and the utilisation of structural chemistry data.
- Ability to translate and negotiate between users and developers of software tools.
- Ability to self-organise and prioritise effectively.