

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Instrument Scientist – GC
Department: SCION R&D Centre
Location: Livingston, Scotland

SUMMARY

SCION Instruments is part of Techcomp Europe Ltd, based in the UK. Techcomp comprises of a group of European companies engaged in the design, development, manufacture and distribution of analytical systems, life science equipment and laboratory instruments with operations dating back to 1920.

SCION Instruments designs, develops, supplies, and supports GC, GC-MS, LC, and Compass CDS (chromatography data system) product lines for a range of markets including forensics, food quality, environmental, pharma and life sciences.

The company prides itself on the manufacturing facilities in Goes, The Netherlands, with its headquarters based in Livingston, Scotland. SCION Instruments maintains a global infrastructure to support sales around the world.

This role, Instrument Scientist – GC, is part of the highly ambitious and skilled R&D team. Key responsibilities include:

- Building in depth knowledge of Scion's product lines.
- Planning and executing R&D projects from concept through to product release.
- Delivering projects on time and within a budget.
- Managing project work and effort across a multi-discipline engineering team.
- Engaging all key stakeholders, including external suppliers.
- Occasional travel within the UK and abroad, including to the facilities in Goes, may be required.

EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS AND BENEFITS

Hours of work 37.5 hours per week. The Company operates a flexible working week.

After an initial qualifying period, and subject to the company's terms and conditions of employment, the Company offers paid sickness, death in service, private medical insurance, pension scheme, paid holidays and relevant statutory days as taken by the company and a performance related bonus scheme.

EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE

Essential:

- Degree or higher in a physical science.
- Minimum of 3 years in a similar role.
- Strong scientific and technical background.
- An understanding on the fundamental theoretical principles of scientific analytical instrumentation.
- Hands on experience with operating and/or testing scientific instrumentation.
- Involvement within a project-based environment, ideally with some project management experience.
- Experience of working within multi-discipline teams.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including writing of technical documentation.
- Ability to concisely summarise work into monthly updates to the R&D Manager.

Desirable:

- Proficiency with chromatography instruments, especially GC or GC/MS.
- Project management training/qualification (e.g. AMP, PRINCE2).
- Experience of working with staff located across different geographies.
- Understanding of the patent filing process and a record of IP generation.
- Experience developing scientific instrumentation.
- Relish speaking with customers and end users to understand their requirements.
- Knowledge of quality management systems (e.g. ISO 9001).

COMPETENCIES

- Be a flexible self-starter; able to react to unexpected situations.
- Able to establish priorities and plan work activities effectively.
- Analytically tackle challenges in a timely manner.
- Ensure information is organised and accessible.
- Take pride in work and strive to see projects through to completion.