

Cell culture and laboratory technician

Company: Metrion Biosciences

Location: Granta Park, Cambridge, UK

Contract: Permanent, full-time or part-time (considered)

About Metrion

Metrion Biosciences ('Metrion') is a UK-based, ion channel focused Contract Research Organisation (CRO) providing high-quality in vitro preclinical drug discovery and safety profiling services. From our headquarters at Granta Park, Cambridge, we support a global customer base with cardiac safety profiling, ion channel drug discovery screening, medicinal chemistry screening support, and neuroscience assay services.

Role Summary

We are seeking a technician / cell culture assistant to support our growing laboratory and cell culture operations. This role is ideal for someone considering a career in science, at the start of their professional journey, or returning to work after a career break. Full training will be provided for all activities.

Key Responsibilities

General Laboratory Support

- Maintain a clean, organised, and efficient laboratory environment.
- Support routine lab tasks including waste disposal, lab coat coordination, and general housekeeping.
- Assist with ordering, stock checks, and receipt of consumables.
- Organise and maintain consumables and reagent stores.
- Prepare general laboratory reagents including buffers, aliquots, and dilutions.
- Assist project teams in preparation of compound stocks and dilutions for use in assays.
- Help with fridge/freezer inventory management and defrosting.
- Support coordination of shipments, deliveries, and logistics.
- Co-ordinate onsite service visits by external engineers/contractors for annual safety and/or maintenance visits (e.g. PAT testing, pipette calibration etc.).
- Assist with operation and basic maintenance of laboratory equipment (full training provided).

Cell Culture Support (full training provided)

- Prepare and aliquot media, reagents, and solutions.
- Carry out housekeeping in the cell culture facility, including incubator and biosafety cabinet cleaning.
- Restock consumables and support facility organisation.
- Assist with liquid nitrogen dewar filling and routine checks.
- Learn and apply aseptic technique to support preparation of cells and reagents.

- Follow Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to ensure high-quality working practices.

About You

Essential

- A genuine passion for science and enthusiasm for laboratory work.
- Strong attention to detail and careful working habits.
- A positive, proactive, can-do attitude.
- Willingness to learn and follow SOPs.
- Ability to work effectively in a collaborative, fast-paced laboratory environment.
- Good organisational and communication skills.

Desirable (not required – training provided)

- Previous laboratory experience (academic or industrial).
- Familiarity with cell culture or aseptic technique.
- Experience with basic lab equipment or stock management systems.

Why Metrion?

- Join a leading UK CRO specialising in ion channel drug discovery and safety pharmacology.
- Access structured training and hands-on laboratory experience.
- Work within a collaborative, supportive, and friendly scientific team.
- Develop skills that support long-term career growth in the life sciences.

Working Hours

This is a full-time laboratory-based position. We offer some flexibility in daily working hours where operationally appropriate; however, the role requires regular attendance during core laboratory hours to support the smooth running of laboratory activities. Occasional bank holiday work may be required and will be compensated.

How to Apply

Interested applicants should send a CV and short cover letter summarising their interest and suitability for the role to careers@metrionbiosciences.com.