Research Technician half-time position – Drug Discovery and Evaluation Unit

Closing date: 15.3.2019

The Drug Discovery and Evaluation Unit at Charles University, Faculty of Science - BIOCEV is seeking a highly motivated research technician. The successful candidate will join a multi-disciplinary team of scientists engaged in an exciting drug discovery collaboration and will provide critical services for the unit’s research. The position includes support with equipment maintenance, procurement and communication with suppliers and also hands-on engaging in drug discovery projects.

The BIOCEV Drug Discovery and Evaluation Unit mission is to discover and expedite the development of new antiparasitic drugs for unmet medical needs. This new research group operates in the frame of the Center for Research of Pathogenicity and Virulence of Parasites.

BIOCEV, Biotechnology and Biomedicine Center of the Academy of Sciences and Charles University in Vestec, opened in 2016, offers state-of-the-art infrastructure, with cutting-edge equipment.

Responsibilities include:

- contribute to the general day to day running of the lab
- support with equipment maintenance, procurement and communication with suppliers
- Engaging in exciting drug discovery projects
- support with developing and curating protocols and operating procedures
- Work in an interdisciplinary team to support our research strategies and project goals
- Training of new lab users

Required attributes:

- Previous experience with administrative lab support desired, but not essential
- Familiarity with basic laboratory techniques such as cloning, DNA and RNA extraction, PCR, gel electrophoresis and Western blots
- readiness to learn new techniques
- Experience with cell culture techniques will be a plus
- Capable of working in a team, but able to plan and work independently
- Ability to follow specific protocols
- Good organizational and time management skills
- Willingness to assist, coordinate and communicate with other team members of the laboratory
- Fluency in Czech and English

The post is for 1 year initially at 50% part-time with the expectation of a full time and longer term extension available from 1.4.2019.

**Applicants must supply the following documents:** Cover letter, CV and at least one reference or recommendation (from previous employer).

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