The Department of Biomolecular Engineering at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) invites applications for the position of Specialist. This position supports a research program focused on HIV vaccine development. The selected candidate will join a highly interactive, multidisciplinary team that includes molecular biologists, virologists, and immunologists, as well as graduate students and postdoctoral scholars. The successful candidate’s primary responsibilities will involve the construction of stable CHO cell lines for the expression of recombinant proteins as well as large scale transient transfections in 293 HEK cells. Job duties will also include analysis of the magnitude and quality of protein production using analytical methods such as ELISA, Immunoblot, and SDS-PAGE gels. The candidate will be expected to take an active role in contributing to technical reports and publications. The candidate will be expected to work safely with human blood products and common laboratory chemicals.

RANK: Associate Specialist to Full Specialist, determined by qualifications and experience (See rank qualifications)

SALARY: Minimum salary of $53,124, commensurate with qualifications and experience.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS: A minimum of 6 years of post-baccalaureate laboratory experience (laboratory experience must include at least two years with the following: construction of mammalian cell lines using selectable markers [e.g., DHFR or glutamine synthetase], cell viability assays, mammalian cell growth curve determinations, fermentation and media optimization, and immunoassay methods [i.e. ELISA, Western blot]); or a Master’s degree or equivalent foreign degree in biochemistry, molecular biology, cell biology, immunology or a related discipline and at least two years of lab experience with the following: construction of mammalian cell lines using selectable markers (e.g., DHFR or glutamine synthetase), cell viability assays, mammalian cell growth curve determinations, fermentation and media optimization, and immunoassay methods (i.e. ELISA, Western blot). Demonstrated experience with producing clonal cell lines for biopharmaceutical production. Experience with clonal cell line selection, organizational strategies required for the maintenance and amplification of mammalian cell lines. A demonstrated publication record with at least 3 authorship/co-authorships of peer reviewed scientific publications in the English language. Experience with the Microsoft Office suite. Experience with statistical analysis software (e.g., Graphpad).

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Previous biopharmaceutical industry experience in cell culture and fermentation research. Experience preparing data for inclusion in CMC section technical reports. Knowledge and experience implementing cGMP and cGLP practices. Experience with flow cytometry, robotic cell selection equipment (e.g.,ClonePix) and electroporation equipment (MaxCyte) or surface plasmon resonance to measure protein concentrations. Experience in monoclonal antibody production, protein purification, in vitro mutagenesis and/or plasmid construction. Applicants should also be able to work accurately with close attention to detail; have good organization, time management, and problem-solving skills; and possess strong communication and interpersonal skills. Ph.D or equivalent foreign degree in biochemistry, molecular biology, cell biology, immunology or a related discipline.

POSITION AVAILABLE: As soon as possible after closing date.

TERM OF APPOINTMENT: The initial appointment is for six months, with the possibility of extension. Should the hiring unit propose reappointment; a review to assess performance will be conducted. Reappointment is also contingent upon availability of funding.

TO APPLY: Applications are accepted via the UCSC Academic Recruit online system, and must include a letter of application addressing how you meet the qualifications, curriculum vitae, research statement, at least 3 selected publications (URLs or PDF format) and three letters of recommendation.* Documents/materials must be submitted as PDF files. In-person interviews will be held at UCSC. Travel expenses are the responsibility of the applicant.

Apply at https://recruit.ucsc.edu/apply/JPF00350
Refer to Position #JPF00350-16T in all correspondence.

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REVISED CLOSING DATE: Review of applications will begin on May 2, 2016. To ensure full consideration, applications should be complete by this date. The position will remain open until filled, but not later than 6/30/2018.

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