



Technician – Diagnostic Development Edinburgh Competitive Salary and Benefits

MRC Technology (MRCT) is an independent life science medical research charity committed to drastically improving positive patient outcomes everywhere. As a champion for human health, MRCT partners with academic, biotechnology, pharmaceutical and charity organisations to translate promising medical research into significant new treatments for patients.

MRC Technology's Centre for Diagnostic Development (CDD) operates at the interface between academic research and the Diagnostic industry. It offers collaborative diagnostic assay development and validation, helping translate early stage diagnostic research through to its commercial exploitation and its use in the clinic.

CDD are currently focused on developing molecular diagnostics where there is an unmet clinical need in areas such as oncology, infectious disease and inflammatory disease. The facility has state of the art data capture and management systems and uses the latest technological platforms such as Next Gen Sequencing and multiplex qPCR to design and develop innovative molecular diagnostics. The team will shortly be relocating to a large facility in the Edinburgh BioQuarter, so this is an exciting time to help grow and contribute to CDD's success.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and motivated individual, ideally educated to HND or BSc level. Your primary role will be to support the laboratory activities but there will be the opportunity to be involved with individual projects where required. Training will be provided.

Ideally you should have experience working in a laboratory environment, in the use of scientific equipment (e.g. PCR thermal cyclers, centrifuges) and be familiar with standard molecular biology laboratory techniques (e.g. DNA and RNA manipulation). You will participate in the calibration and maintenance of equipment, ordering of consumables and general housekeeping. A good working knowledge of Microsoft Office software is required. You should be able to demonstrate good attention to detail and excellent communication skills. You will be expected to work under a quality management system.

Your salary will be determined by qualifications and experience. In addition MRCT offers a Defined Contribution pension scheme, Private Health Insurance, a flexible benefits scheme and 31 days paid holiday per year.

It is MRCT's policy to employ individuals on the basis of their suitability for the work to be performed and their potential for development, regardless of age, sex, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, disability, marital status, pregnancy or maternity, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief.

To apply please email your CV and covering letter to: recruitment@tech.mrc.ac.uk

Closing date: **2nd April 2017**