

Job Description

Department	Process Research & Development (PR&D)
Position	Associate Director / Director / Sr. Director (Lab Head)
Reports to	AVP / VP - PR&D / Cluster Head - PR&D
Location	Hyderabad, India

Summary of Job

- To be responsible for a PR&D Lab, leading a team of 10 20 scientists, and timely delivery of projects involving complex chemistry.
- To manage NCE development projects, involving route scouting, feasibility and screening, process development / optimisation and scale up as per the project scope / requirement.

Key Responsibilities

- Accountable for the safe working and maintenance of the laboratory and ensuring safe working practices of the entire team.
- To comprehensively understand the project scope.
- To regularly review the progress of the projects with the team and ensure that the teams operates within project scope to deliver the scientific and delivery milestones with expected high QUOTIF.
- To review the data presented by team leaders and team and technically guide them further / suggest course correction, wherever required.
- To collaborate and resolve issues with broader cross-functional team.
- Ensure that appropriate and meaningful data is generated during the development phase.
- To be responsible for prescribed data generation, timely completion and review of Process Development Reports, Tech Transfer Documents, weekly updates etc.
- To be responsible for productivity of his/her lab and projects.
- To personally participate in critical Technology Transfer activities.
- To work on the quotes of new inquiries, by thoroughly reviewing, improving and finalizing the RMC (yields), FTE allocation and timelines w.r.t the scope.
- To represent the progress of the team during regular customer interactions.
- To participate and contribute in technical brainstorming, budget (manpower and capex) preparation, training and development.
- To champion the adoption of new technologies and new ways of working to improve project delivery.
- To conduct monthly feedback sessions and annual performance appraisals with subordinates and share recommendations with manager for performance rating, promotion etc.



 To identify key future talent and support their personal development through identification of opportunities to develop new skills.

No. of Reportees	2 to 4 – Direct, Team Size - 10 to 20
Qualification	Ph.D. in synthetic/medicinal organic chemistry, from a reputed university. Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF) from reputed international university.
Experience	10 to 15 years of experience in the pharma industry, preferably CDMO, after PDF. Work experience with overseas pharmaceutical companies is desired but not critical. Must have handled the team of at least 6 scientists.

Key Competencies (Technical, Functional & Behavioural)

Technical & Functional:

- Good process chemistry knowledge, especially in the CRAMS segment, experienced in the design of chemistry routes and processes for the scale-up of novel raw materials, intermediates and APIs.
- A demonstrated ability to handle multiple projects at different stages of development and to lead and drive the scientific output of those projects, which will often involve complex chemistry.

Behavioural:

- Good inter-personal skills, a team player and proven leader.
- Should be able to lead a team of scientists to achieve team objectives and deliver individual and team goals.
- Demonstrates clear accountability, takes ownership, delivers on committment.
- Positive attitude with good attention to detail.
- Excellent communication, both verbal and written, with good listening skills.
- Good project management and supervisory skills.
- Ability to coach and mentor individuals and teams to maximise performance.
- Learning mindset proactively upskills own scientific expertise.