

Job Description

Role	Principal Chemist
Location	Alderley Park, Cheshire, England
Job Type	Permanent
Salary	£45,000 - £70,000
Date posted	7 th September 2022
Start date	ASAP

The Company

Sai Life Sciences is a leading global Contract Research & Development and Manufacturing Organisation (CDMO) that provides integrated drug substance services to the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. With recently expanded process development labs in Manchester, UK & Hyderabad, India, and increased commercial manufacturing capacity in Bidar, India, Sai is working with 7 of the top 10 pharma companies globally, as well as many leading smaller biotechs. We work with our clients to accelerate the discovery, development and manufacture of complex small molecules for a healthier tomorrow. With more than 2500 staff globally and ambitious growth plans, our vision is to support our global innovator partners to bring 25 new medicines to life by 2025.

Marking the completion of 20 years since inception in 2019, the company began an organisation-wide initiative to significantly expand and upgrade its R&D and manufacturing facilities, deepen scientific & technological capabilities, strengthen automation and data systems, and above all raise the bar for safety, quality and customer focus. Guided by the insights and feedback from its customers, it committed to investing over US\$150M between 2019 and 2023. Part of this investment in 2020 were the new state of the art laboratories in our centre of excellence for process chemistry and analytical development at the Alderley Park Science Park, situated on the outskirts of Manchester, where we are now looking to expand our team. Our overall team currently consists of >60 multi-disciplinary scientists (chemists, analysts and engineers).

Non-GMP manufacture of kg quantities of intermediates and APIs is currently possible within our bespoke Scale-up laboratory facility. During Q4 2022 a new GMP Kilo-lab facility will be created which is capable of kg quantities of GMP API suitable for early phase clinical studies. The developed processes may then be transferred to Sai's manufacturing sites in India for further scale-up as required.

This is a great opportunity to work with an expanding global organisation and work closely with some of the most innovative biotech and pharma companies on their most important programmes.

The role will be based in Alderley Park, Cheshire, UK and will require right to work in the UK. Occasional travel, domestic and international to India may be required.

The Role

You will join a team that identifies, develops and optimises synthetic routes to APIs, supporting both early and late phase development.

The successful candidate will have a background in Organic Chemistry combined with demonstrated expertise in early, mid or late-phase route and process development for the manufacture of APIs, intermediates and raw materials, technology transfer and scale-up.

Experience in any of route selection, process development and optimisation, quality by design, technology transfer and commercial production would also be advantageous.

The candidate should be able to lead chemistry projects as required to develop routes and processes and then scale-up to manufacture.

Essential Requirements

- Higher or bachelor's degree in chemistry or related scientific discipline with several years' relevant experience in a Process or Synthetic Chemistry environment.
- Experienced in the design of chemistry routes and processes for the scale-up of novel APIs, intermediates and raw materials, working alongside analysts and engineers.
- A demonstrated ability to handle several projects in different stages of development at the same time.
- In-depth, hands-on expertise and up-to-date knowledge of a wide range of organic chemistry transformations.
- Strong scientific track record and project leadership experience

Key Roles and Responsibilities

- Lead, design and conduct laboratory experimentation to deliver customer projects.
- Deliver new routes and processes for early-phase APIs and intermediates to enable scale-up to 35 L.
- Deliver optimised processes for mid and late-phase APIs and intermediates to enable scale-up to pilot and production facilities in India.
- Working within multi-functional project teams operating to tight deadlines.
- Leading the chemistry aspects of projects as required.
- Maintain an organised and safe lab environment and encourage others to achieve the same.

Key Attributes

- Demonstrate learning agility in the use of new technologies and approaches to support chemistry projects.
- Ability to solve complex scientific problems as part of a cross-functional team.
- Excellent communication; both verbal and written.
- A team player.
- Conscientious with a can-do attitude with good attention to detail.
- Good project management and supervisory / mentoring skills.

The Offer

- A competitive Salary and Benefits package including company pension, health and life insurance, 25 days holiday per year and enhanced family leave.
- Work in a state-of-the-art facility on one of the country's leading Biotech & Life Science Parks.
- Flexible working hours and conditions to suit the right candidate.

Next steps

Please send your CV and cover letter to UKrecruitment@sailife.com with details of the role that you are applying for.

As an Equal Opportunities employer, we welcome applications from all suitably qualified persons regardless of their race, sex, disability, religion/belief, sexual orientation or age.

Please note that Sai Life Sciences Ltd is unable to sponsor the visas for any candidates for the above role.