POSITION: Research Scientist – Bioanalytical Instrumentation

JOB ID: 61833

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JOB DESCRIPTION

We seek a research scientist who will apply microfluidics/microseparations/MEMS knowledge to chemical and biochemical analyses pertinent to biodefense and infectious-disease research. The individual will work on multidisciplinary projects involving analytical chemists, physical chemists, engineers, and biologists to develop miniaturized devices and techniques applicable to clinical diagnostics, single-cell analyses, and protein/DNA separations. The research will involve work with lab-on-a-chip techniques, bioanalytical chemistry, and sample-preparation methods. The scientist will also be expected to establish an independent research program by obtaining research funding and by supervising research associates and postdoctoral scientists.

QUALIFICATIONS

This position requires a PhD in chemical, mechanical, or bioengineering with 5+ years of postdoctoral research experience. Candidates must also have extensive experience in one or more of the following areas: microfluidic devices or components, electrophoresis, chromatography, immunoassays, and microarrays (DNA and protein). Other required qualifications include a strong record of high technical achievement, as evidenced by publication in high-impact scientific journals, and the demonstrated ability to conduct creative, independent research. Registration with the CDC Select Agent Program is also a requirement for this position.

Desired qualifications include the knowledge of one or more detection technologies, such as fluorescence, electrochemical, and mass spectrometry, and a proven record in writing funding proposals and securing funds.

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