

Senior Automation Engineer – Laboratory Automation

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Summary

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About the Role

Internal Job Title: Senior Automation Engineer

Location: Cambridge, MA, onsite

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Your responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- Working with assay biologists to adapt bench assays to fully automated assays with high throughput screening systems.
- Working with Sample Management teams to support automation to deliver compounds to scientists globally and adapt and implement cutting edge technologies.
- Act as project manager for small and large scale automation projects. The successful candidate will manage, plan, develop, and execute laboratory automation projects from start-up to completion.
- Work effectively with multi-disciplinary groups and individuals to implement solutions that reflect operational efficiencies in terms of throughput, delivery, costs, as well as health, safety and environmental considerations.
- Act as a primary support engineer for laboratory automation and instrumentation within DSc in Cambridge, Ma. Responsible for the setup, operation, and maintenance of state-of-the-art high throughput (HTS) systems.

- Establish, monitor and maintain a stable and productive automation environment through QC and preventative maintenance.
- Assist in the development of SOP's, maintenance manuals, start-up procedures, etc. and provide training to new users of equipment.
- Must be self-motivated with the ability to multitask and effectively manage timelines.
- Must be able to work independently and in team situations.

Essential Requirements:

- B.S. in mechanical, electrical or bioengineering, or similar engineering discipline.
- 3-5+ years of experience using and implementing automated systems.
- Experience designing, building and deploying automated laboratory workflows in life sciences or clinical laboratories.
- Strong organizational, written, and verbal communications skills required to interact effectively between scientific staff, customers, key stakeholders, and vendors.
- Strong computer skills including MS Office and CAD (preferably SolidWorks).
- Strong troubleshooting and problem-solving skills.
- Experience working with laboratory automation, high throughput assays, and cell culture.

Desirable requirements:

- In addition to the experience above, the ideal candidate would have familiarity with the following systems and associated software: HighRes BioSolutions (Staubli/Denso/Precise) robotic platforms, Sartorius CompacT, Tecan EVO, Agilent benchtop equipment, Beckman Echo, Biosero/Green Button Go robotic platforms, GNF Director robotic platforms, etc.
- Basic understanding of C# or equivalent programming language
- Experience working with engineers and scientists to develop new automated platforms
- Experience with automated High Content Imaging systems such as the Yokogawa CV8000, Perkin Elmer Phenix, or equivalent.
- Ability to create innovative solutions to support complex biological assays at scale.
- Experience with machine tools such as mill, band saw, drill press, etc.

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USA

Site

Cambridge (USA)

Company / Legal Entity

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Functional Area

Research & Development

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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