

Akston Biosciences has an immediate opening for a **Quality Control Associate**.

**Title**                      **Quality Control Associate**

**Primary Duties**

- Assist in the development and validation of analytical methods in support of COVID-19 vaccine development, Type-1 Diabetes therapeutic development, veterinary product development, and other projects as needed.
- Conduct in-process testing, release testing, and stability studies, of pharmaceutical products in a GMP environment in support of COVID-19 vaccine development, Type-1 Diabetes therapeutic development, veterinary product development or other projects as needed
- Assist with the receipt, quarantine, and release of raw materials and other controlled inventory, including Akston-made controlled materials.
- Participate in conduct of GLP or clinical in vivo study sample analysis in support of tox studies and clinical trials
- Write analytical method and instrument SOPs for use within the Quality Control lab
- Conduct environmental monitoring of GMP production spaces, including clean rooms and sterile hoods.
- Conduct bioburden testing of buffers and other solutions used in GMP manufacturing processes.
- Help maintain laboratory instruments to ensure proper working order and troubleshoot malfunctions when needed; this includes routine cleaning and maintenance, calibrations, and IQ/OQ/PQ of equipment.
- Support conduct of analysis of scientific data, interpreting test results, and compiling results into assay or technical reports.

**Other Responsibilities & Skills**

- Keep detailed records of data and appropriately document experimental procedures and results according to established guidelines
- Must be capable of multi-tasking, working both independently and within a team environment
- Communicate with outside vendors to learn new technologies and implement, where applicable, into Akston's process.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to develop solutions to complex problems and establish processes to continuously improve and streamline existing procedures
- Good organizational skills with ability to adapt to changing priorities, to multi-task in a fast-paced and dynamic environment and to meet challenging timelines

**Qualifications**

A bachelor's degree in Chemistry, Biology, Biomedical, Pharmaceutical Sciences or related field with 3+ years of work experience in analytical laboratories in the pharmaceutical or biotech industries required, or a masters with 1 – 3 years of

pharmaceutical industry work experience; Quality Control Laboratory experience in support of GMP/GLP preferred.

**Experience**

The successful candidate shall:

- Have hands on experience with analytical assays in one or more of the following analytical areas, preferably in a cGMP or QC environment: ELISAs (e.g., host cell protein, anti-drug-antibody, etc.), qRT-PCR, or microbiological assays. Experience with other analytical methods (e.g., endotoxin testing, SDS-PAGE, etc.) a plus. Proven ability to troubleshoot and solve problems with assays both during development and routine work
- Have some experience in at least one of the following areas: writing technical reports, validation reports and SOPs; conducting release and stability testing for pharmaceutical products; environmental monitoring; working in an aseptic environment (e.g., clean room or sterile hood); and performing analytical instrument IQ/OQ/PQ and calibration.
- Formal training and previous work experience in a cGMP or quality control laboratory highly desirable
- Demonstrate familiarity with common analytical programs (e.g. GraphPad Prism, SoftMax Pro, etc.), Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint

**Compensation**

Title and pay commensurate with skills and experience, eligibility for company benefit plans.

**Other**

Must live within commuting distance of Beverly, MA.

**Company**

Akston Biosciences leverages its novel fusion protein platform to develop and manufacture new classes of biologics, including autoimmune disease therapies, ultra-long-acting insulins, and vaccines. Akston has built a diverse pipeline of therapeutic candidates for use in both human and animal health. Akston has an immediate opening for a **Quality Control Associate** position for the company located in Beverly, MA. For more information, see [www.akstonbio.com](http://www.akstonbio.com).

**Contact**

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