

F-STAR JOB DESCRIPTION



POSITION:	Research Associate
REPORTS TO:	Scientist
SUPERVISES:	n/a
COMPANY OVERVIEW:	<p>At F-star, we are committed to delivering life-changing treatments to cancer patients. We develop mAb², a novel class of disruptive bispecific antibody-based therapy that have the potential to overcome tumour resistance and restore anti-cancer immunity and responsiveness.</p> <p>Our unique Modular Antibody Technology™ allows us to generate, in a plug-and-play manner, bispecific assets that are uniquely positioned to address significant unmet needs as well as industry challenges. As a result, we are building and progressing a clinical and preclinical pipeline of highly-differentiated drugs, validated by strategic collaborations with leaders both in the immuno-oncology landscape and beyond.</p> <p>F-star are based in Cambridge, UK and have over 100 employees. We are constantly building on decades of combined expertise to deliver the next breakthrough immunotherapies.</p>
JOB PURPOSE:	The Research Associate will work within the Preclinical Translational Pharmacology (PTP) Department and be responsible for supporting and enhancing cell culture capabilities within PTP and across F-Star. In this position, the candidate will also contribute to developing and characterising preclinical models, to aid our understanding of the mechanism of our drug candidates and support F-Star preclinical capabilities.
KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory based and related work approximately 80% of the time, under moderate supervision. • Independently perform cell-culture for developing preclinical models, using the highest standard of aseptic technique • Support and enhance cell culture processes and capabilities within F-Star • Keep accurate up-to-date records of all cell-culture performed, and maintain cell culture banks and reagents • Communicate ideas, experimental strategy, methods and results to supervisor and teams • Perform <i>ex vivo</i> characterisation of murine tissues using flow cytometry • Design and execute experiments in line with project goals and strategy to support progression of drug candidates into the clinic
PERSON SPECIFICATION:	
Education and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc or Msc in a biological subject (ideally with a relevant focus on Immunology, Oncology or Pharmacology) • Adequate and demonstratable experience in cell culture, in academia or industry, is essential
Skills and Knowledge	<p>Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong understanding and practical experience in cell culture; working with human and murine cancer cell lines • Experience using cell lines in <i>in vitro</i> functional assays • Experience in creating new cell lines <p>Desirable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-colour flow cytometry skills • Understanding of murine models, preferably in an oncology setting • Technically competent in <i>ex vivo</i> murine tissue characterisation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience in primary cell culture would be an advantage
Competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A fast learner and highly motivated• Ability to work as a member of a larger cross-functional team• Clear oral and written communication skills• Strong organisational skills• Ability to prioritise work to meet deadlines

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