

Protecting the Vulnerable™



POSITION SPECIFICATIONS

Research and Development Scientist
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ABOUT OUR COMPANY

Mesa Laboratories, Inc. (Mesa) is a global technology innovator committed to solving some of the most critical quality control and analytical challenges in the pharmaceutical, healthcare, industrial safety, environmental, food and beverage industries. Mesa offers products and services through four divisions (Sterilization and Disinfection Control, Instruments, Cold Chain Monitoring and Cold Chain Packaging), which help our customers ensure product integrity, increase patient and worker safety, and improve quality of life.

Today, each of Mesa's products and services play a role in ensuring the safety and efficacy of the products we use every day. No matter if it's the environment, products or people, Mesa is committed to Protecting the Vulnerable™.

Founded in 1982, Mesa went public in 1984. After 10 years of more than 15% growth per year, the company now has revenue approaching \$100M and a market cap of approximately \$750M. Our growth is attributed to the 350+ dedicated employees who follow our customer-focused, lean-based value system, called *The Mesa Way!*. The Mesa Way! is based on four pillars that drive our work every day:

Measure what Matters: We take the customer's perspective, our "True North", both to measure what matters most to customers and to set absolute standards for performance. We manage to leading indicators, which drive us to proactively avoid problems.

Empower Teams: We move decision making as close to the customer as possible and provide the structure and real time communication forum to align the whole organization behind surpassing customer expectations.

Steadily Improve: We leverage a common and proven set of lean-based tools to prioritize our biggest opportunities, address those opportunities at root cause, and quickly implement change.

Always Learn: We ensure that improvements are sustained, enabling us to raise performance expectations and repeat the cycle of improvement. Equally, this cycle strengthens the Mesa team by providing endless learning opportunities for our employees and helps us to become an employer of choice in our communities.

Position: **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SCIENTIST**

Posting open till position filled.

Posting Expiration: Screening of resumes will begin **IMMEDIATELY** and continue until the position is filled.

Position and Version #: JOB-BPF562 v1

Location of Position: Bozeman, MT

Reporting Relationship: This position reports to the Vice President and General Manager of Sterilization Disinfection Control

Job Classification: Salaried

Supervisory
Responsibilities: None

Scope of Position:

This position supports Mesa's Sterilization Disinfection Control division and is responsible for developing, leading, and collaborating new product development, product feature enhancements and product modifications that advance and enhance the product portfolio of the division.

Essential Duties Core duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Model personal Lean Philosophy 5S behaviors in creating a continuously improving, clean, well-organized and self-maintaining work environment. Work closely with team members and others to motivate and improve 5S knowledge and implementation.
- Follow a continuous improvement approach for team accountability for achieving high performance SQDC (Safety, Quality, Delivery, & Cost) targets through a visual work environment.
- Comply with company ethics, code of conduct, policies, and best practices, with a commitment to safety in the workplace, valuing of diversity, and promotion of a harassment-free environment.
- Research, development, evaluation and improvement of methods, processes and/or products with regards to sterilization indicators (i.e. biological and chemical indicators) and related technologies.
- Responsible for development and executing experimental protocols along with supporting internal technology development.
- Lab work and experimentation – routinely work with others to conduct experiments, analyze & interpret data, and communicate results to internal teams.
- Apply scientific fundamentals in a hypothesis-driven environment to guide and support the development of methods, products, and processes needed to promote success at all stages of the product life cycle.
- Communicate technical information to internal teams in the form of oral and written correspondence, presentations, and reports.
- Perform other duties as assigned by management.

Professional Qualifications: To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The categories listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Education and/or Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in Microbiology or closely related field
- Master's degree in Microbiology or closely related field preferred
- Three or more years' experience in medical device or closely related regulated industry research development and/or lab experience
- Any equivalent combination of education and experience

Skills, Knowledge and Abilities:

- Demonstrated working knowledge of safe laboratory methods and adhere to scientifically sound practices; including the design, execution, review, and interpretation of experiments.
- Demonstrate strong observational and analytical abilities, and competence using and maintaining a variety of analytical instruments and lab equipment
- Work successfully in a fast-paced, dynamic, collaborative, scientifically driven, team-oriented, and customer-focused environment inclusive of research, development, and manufacturing.
- Self-motivated, curious mind that pushes their knowledge boundaries and is driven to learn difficult topics on their own.
- Must be able to independently design and execute experiments and conduct troubleshooting.
- Must have strong time management skills and be highly organized and flexible to meet changing priorities.
- Must have excellent oral and written communication skills, strong interpersonal skills, and be capable of working in a multi-disciplinary team to support a positive work environment.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office applications.
- Ability to travel domestically and internationally up to 10%.

The Mesa Way! Expectations: This position is an **Individual Leader** focused on individual accountability, teamwork, and cross-functional collaboration. Leadership by example at every level. Proactive daily management.

Pillar #1 – Measure What Matters

- **Customer Centric & Game Plan** - Demonstrates a deep understanding of customer needs based on first-hand, fact-based information/observation. Able to clearly articulate how best to address the customers' needs. Understands how work impacts customers. Dedicated to exceeding customer expectations. Seeks and uses customer information to improve products, services, and processes.
- **Critical Few** – Balance urgency and importance. Adapts to changing needs and prioritizes investment of time toward the greatest impact.
- **Clear Direction and Buy In** – Simplifies deep domain expertise, enabling broader team understanding and ability to contribute/build upon shared insights.
- **Stretch Goals That Drive Innovation** – Sets goals that stretch self and team. Balances ability to commitment time/resources with aspirations.

Pillar #2 – Empower Teams

- **Ownership at Point of Impact** – Supports team development. Constantly on the lookout for potential talent additions to the Mesa team. Create an environment of ownership by the team at the point of impact. Front line ownership and accountability both individual and team objectives.
- **Coach vs. Direct** – Understands and subscribes to goals and converts to action without step by step direction. Open minded and nimble. Vocalize and learn from mistakes as an opportunity for growth and improvement. Demonstrates concern for value of others. Listens well and is genuinely interested in win/win solutions.

The Mesa Way! Pillar #2 – Empower Teams (continued)

Expectations:

- **Fact Based Decisions** – Understand personal metrics and how they align with overall company performance and strategy. Set the example of prioritization according to the decision-making and problem-solving principles.
- **Proactive and Urgent** – Relentlessly identifies the critical few and prioritizes them. Expeditiously brings complete closure. Turns strategies/opportunities into actionable plans. Inquisitive and curious. Effectively manages personal time with business priorities.

Pillar #3 – Steadily Improve

- **Seeks a Better Way** – Proactively makes recommendations for improvement and engages fully in Daily Management. Driven by winning and success! Holds themselves accountable for results and celebrate successes Actively and effectively participates in Kaizen teams.
- **Problem Solve to Root Cause** – Balance urgency and importance. Adapts to changing needs and prioritizes investment of time toward the greatest impact. Correctly defines and scopes complex problems. Looks beyond obvious symptoms and drives to root cause using discipline and logic. Leverage A3 Thinking and problem-solving tools as an important team contributor. Be methodical and comprehensive, drive to the details for good Gemba analysis. Willingness to iterate to arrive at root cause. Don't cut corners.
- **Experiment** – Views current state as experimental; continuously seeks and shares areas of improvement. Balances planned execution with ability to communicate with valuable market feedback to management.
- **Bias for Action** – Balances fact-based decision making with learning-by-doing. Be proactive! Show comfort with experimentation to validate concepts vs. waiting for 100% certainty. Views failures as learning opportunities.

Pillar #4 – Always Learn

- **High Expectations** – Sets goals that stretch self and team. Balances ability to commitment time/resources with aspirations.
- **Transparent Two-Way Communication** – Direct and honest, presents the truth transparently and with respect. Willing to admit mistakes as an opportunity for growth and improvement. Viewed as direct, truthful, and genuine.
- **Passion for Teaching and Learning and Continuous Feedback** – Proactively seeks / provides feedback to develop self and support development of others. Actively pursues new learning opportunities.
- **Humility and Self Awareness** – Open-minded and seeks to understand. Seeks and acts on feedback: both positive and negative. Understand your impact on others. Treats others with respect.

Physical Demands: While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to stand or sit for extended periods of time. If reasonable, requests regarding ergonomic concerns will be considered. For individuals with disabilities, accommodations may be made to perform the essential functions. Occasional lifting is required.

Work Environment: The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

This is a high volume, high energy manufacturing facility that works to meet manufacturing deadlines. An enthusiastic, positive attitude is highly encouraged and conducive to a productive successful atmosphere. Common sense judgments and problem solving is desirable. Must have the ability to handle repetitious and tedious job functions.

A typical office environment and biological laboratory environment comprise the bulk of the work environment for this position. The noise level in the work environment is moderately quiet.

Compensation: Salary, incentive bonuses, equity and benefits will be offered commensurate with the successful candidate's experience and qualifications. Benefits include medical, dental, vision, life, accidental death and dismemberment, short term and long term disability, Paid Time Off, paid holidays, 401k retirement with company match.

Contact: Human Resources | twimbish@mesalabs.com | 303-987-8000

How to Apply: Submit current resume/CV to twimbish@mesalabs.com. Include the position title in the subject line.

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