

# Senior Research Scientist

## Immunology

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*Location: Diepenbeek, Belgium*

*Contract: Full time*

### 1 Company

Apitope is recognized as a world-leader in the research and development of novel therapeutic peptides to address critical unmet needs in the treatment of chronic autoimmune disorders. The company's innovative technology has attracted significant investment and forms the basis of a research, development and commercialization agreement with a major global pharma company.

### 2 Job Description

Apitope now has an exciting opportunity in our subsidiary in Hasselt for an experienced and talented Immunologist to join the research team and progress several discovery programmes. The candidate must have a strong understanding of immunology, tolerance induction and experience with relevant models of autoimmune disease or allergies. He/She initiates, directs and executes scientific R&D that is critical to corporate strategy and contributes to the development of principles, theories and concepts. The candidate investigates the feasibility of applying a wide variety of scientific principles and concepts to potential inventions, projects and problems. He/She provides leadership on the practical realisation of the experiments including the experimental design and data evaluation adhering to timelines and agreed quality standards. Proper documentation of results and report writing are part of the job. The applicant will be responsible for the selection of the most competitive technical approaches and for introduction of new technology enhancements into the research area. The successful candidate will act as contact point for senior management regarding technical and scientific advice.

### 3 Minimum qualifications

The successful applicant will be educated to PhD level in biological, (bio)medical or life sciences (or equivalent) and has at least 5 years of relevant post-doctoral experience in an immunology research environment together with strong immunological technical competencies. Experience in the pharmaceutical or biotech industry is a plus.

### 4 Competencies

The applicant must be a driven self-starter, accurate and be a team player. He/She is devoted to staying abreast of his/her field of expertise and maintains a broad knowledge of state-of-the-art technology and theory. Good planning, priority setting and scientific reporting skills and the ability to work under stringent time lines are essential. A solution-oriented and pro-active mind set and fluency in English is required.

Applications from suitable qualified candidates from academic groups, pharmaceutical or biotech companies should include a copy of your CV and a brief covering letter and be sent to Apitope at [jobs@apitope.com](mailto:jobs@apitope.com) quoting reference 2011/SS7.