

**Job Title:** LC-MS Specialist – Analytical/DMPK

**Job Type:** 2 Year Fixed Term Contract, Full Time

**Location:** Cambridge, UK

Astex Pharmaceuticals is a world leader in innovative drug discovery and development. The company has successfully applied its proprietary Fragment-Based Drug Discovery platform to generate multiple new drug candidates that are progressing in clinical development. Successful collaborations have led to three launched oncology drugs (Kisqali<sup>®</sup> partnered with Novartis, Balversa<sup>®</sup> partnered with Janssen and Truqap<sup>™</sup> partnered with AstraZeneca). Astex continues to grow and focuses on Neurological Disorders and Oncology.

### **The Role**

We are seeking a talented and highly motivated scientist for a lab-based chromatography role within the chemistry department. This is a diverse and dynamic team with a culture of innovation, and a mission to discover new medicines. You will contribute to FBDD projects working closely with Medicinal chemists, Analytical chemists and DMPK scientists. Candidates should be high calibre, exhibit excellent scientific rigour, and challenge and stimulate colleagues by actively sharing ideas and engaging in scientific discussions. Good knowledge of analytical chemistry, alongside a proven track record of practical experience is required.

### **Principal Responsibilities:**

- Manage a suite of open access LC-MS systems.
- Purification and analysis of chiral and achiral compounds.
- Running physchem assays with the potential to undertake in vitro ADME studies
- Provide high quality data to further understanding of chemical series and answer key questions.
- Promote cross disciplinary interactions.
- You will support the safe day-to-day running of Astex's laboratories.

### **Essential skills**

- Degree in relevant subject.
- Minimum of 3 years practical experience.
- Experience of providing physchem data and separating chiral compounds.
- Excellent teamworking and communication skills.
- A passion for developing new medicines.

### **Desirable skills**

- Experience of Shimadzu and/or Agilent equipment as well as SFC and high-resolution mass spectrometry.
- Experience of running in vitro ADME assays



### **Why Astex**

We offer excellent training and career development opportunities as well as highly competitive salary and benefits package including hybrid working options to promote a flexible and inclusive work environment.

At Astex we embrace diversity and equality of opportunity. We are committed to building an inclusive and diverse Company representing all backgrounds, harnessing industry-leading scientific innovation and behaviours.

Astex is situated 2.5 miles from Cambridge City centre on the Cambridge Science Park. The Park has onsite sports facilities and excellent transport links to London.

### **More information**

For information on Astex Pharmaceuticals please visit: [www.astx.com](http://www.astx.com)

For information on Otsuka Pharmaceuticals please visit: [www.otsuka.co.jp](http://www.otsuka.co.jp)

### **How to Apply**

All applicants should apply by email to [recruitment.uk@astx.com](mailto:recruitment.uk@astx.com), attaching their CV and covering letter as PDF documents. The subject line of the email should clearly state the reference **(LCMS/0326)**

Please note that Astex holds a UK sponsor licence; if you require sponsorship, please state this in your application email.

**The closing date for applications is midnight on 30 April 2026.**