

## Healthcare Assistant with lab responsibilities

Location: Reading

Salary: £24,986 (training) rising to £27,845 per annum (on completion of probation)

Job Type: Permanent

Hours: 42 hours per week, 7 in 14 day shift pattern; operational hours 07:30 - 20:30, Monday to Sunday



## Who is UK Biobank?

UK Biobank is a major international health resource, with the aim of improving the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of a wide range of serious and life-threatening illnesses. UK Biobank follows the health and well-being of 500,000 volunteer participants, collecting health information which is globally accessible to academic and health researchers.

### The role

The position will primarily involve participant venepuncture, as well as assessment of basic participant measurements, sample collection, sample processing within the laboratory and basic interview. You could also potentially be expected to assist with other areas including, 12-lead ECG measurements and ultrasound. We are keen to develop and improve our staff knowledge and actively encourage and support CPD for all of our staff here at Biobank.

### What your day will look like

- Meeting and greeting participants and booking them into our IT system ensuring details are correct and accurate
- Undertaking various participant assessments to include a study interview, basic participant measurements, cognition and lifestyle questionnaire together with sample collection ensuring correct participant ID and details for every stage.
- Performing venepuncture
- Ensuring the participants' welfare is maintained throughout their visit
- Communicating effectively with all members of the team to contribute to the smooth running of the day and ensuring the participant's visit is a positive and enjoyable experience.
- Processing biological samples within the laboratory
- Liaising with the central site and update on sample numbers using various software's
- Ensure all tasks are completed for the smooth running of the Laboratory

### This is what we're looking for:

- Have excellent interpersonal skills and are able to clearly explain procedures and instructions to participants and other UK Biobank staff
- Great at building rapport and being able to put people at ease.
- Are able to undertake repetitive tasks to a high quality.
- Have previous experience working in a laboratory setting
- Are computer literate
- Are able to demonstrate excellent manual dexterity.
- Exhibit attention to detail, with a specific focus on quality
- Have proof of eligibility of the right to work in the UK

### It would also be great if you had experience in:

- Previous experience of working in an ISO9001:2015 and/or ISO27001:2013
- Working in a scientific/academic research environment

- Previous phlebotomy experience

### Benefits for working at UK Biobank

- 26 Days Annual Leave + Bank Holidays
- Christmas Closure
- USS pension scheme (9.8% employee contribution & 21.6% employer contribution)
- Enhanced maternity/paternity/adoption/shared parental leave
- Enhanced company sick pay scheme
- Cycle to work scheme
- Health and wellbeing initiatives including an Employee Assistance Programme (EAP)
- Annual Flu vaccination
- Perkbox employee discount platform scheme
- An active social committee who organises events throughout the year
- Flexible work life balance policy
- Free onsite car parking
- Onsite café
- Gym facilities, we even have a putting green!

By working for UK Biobank you are part of an organisation whose mission is to contribute to improving the health of future generations.

UK Biobank strives to be a diverse and inclusive organisation, within which we can ALL be ourselves.

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The closing date for applications is Monday 6th June 2022, subject to early closure upon receipt of suitable applications.

### To apply

Please email your CV to [jobs@ukbiobank.ac.uk](mailto:jobs@ukbiobank.ac.uk)