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SAS PROGRAMMER

Background

Frontier Science (Scotland) Ltd (FSS) is a subsidiary of a US based non-profit foundation involved in many areas of clinical trials. The parent company, Frontier Science and Technology Research Foundation, Inc (FSTRF) is primarily funded through grants from the US government and has three offices in the USA – Boston, MA, Buffalo, NY and Madison, WI. Current major projects in the USA include the Coordinating Centre for the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG), the Data Centre for the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) and the Statistical Centre for the International Breast Cancer Study Group (IBCSG). In 2000, a decision was made to establish a European base in the Scottish Highlands and FSS was incorporated in July, 2001. FSS is run by Eleanor McFadden who worked in the US office for over 20 years, and was Director of the Coordinating Center and Data Management Office for ECOG. FSS currently has 19 staff members and is involved in several projects.

Project

The individuals appointed to these positions will work with statisticians in Kincaig and Boston to develop and test statistical programs written in SAS. The duties will also include maintenance of program documentation. The positions are under the overall direction of the Senior Statistician in the Kincaig office.

Prior experience of SAS programming in a clinical trials environment is a requirement. FSS is committed to providing continuing education to staff in areas related to their job, and will provide opportunities for staff to attend training courses and workshops. The successful candidate should have good communication skills and be highly motivated. They should also be able to work independently, show initiative and pay attention to detail.

Prior Experience

A minimum of 2 years experience of developing SAS programs in a clinical trials environment is essential. Education to degree level is preferred.

Other

FSS is located in the village of Kincaig in the Scottish Highlands. This provides a unique opportunity for combining a stimulating work environment with the beauty of the Cairngorms National Park and all the outdoor activities which are on offer in the area. The offices are in a Victorian house, and the working environment is very pleasant. Some international travel is likely to be required.

Starting salary for this position is negotiable based on relevant prior experience. The position is probationary for 6 months, and offered initially on a three year contract.

FSS offers 28 days paid holiday plus 8 public holidays per year. Benefits include pension plan, life insurance, tuition reimbursement and flexible working hours. More details will be available at the interview.

FSS operates a strict non-smoking policy in and around its offices.

The interview date for candidates short-listed for these positions will be set at a later time.