



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

**Research Fellow in Synthesis and Chemical Biology**  
**Faculty of Mathematics and Physical Sciences**



**Salary: 6 (£26,052 - £31,076 pa)**

**Reference: MAPCH1055**

**Fixed-term for 24 months**

## School of Chemistry

### **Are you looking to apply your skills in Chemical Biology to the development of new approaches for discovery of protein-protein interaction inhibitors?**

As Research Fellow in Synthesis and Chemical Biology you will join a major 5-year EPSRC-funded programme focused on developing, validating and then exploiting new tools for discovering inhibitors of PPIs. You will assist the Investigators in delivering this large and complex research programme and will focus on the design, synthesis and testing of peptide/ peptidomimetic inhibitors of disease relevant PPIs, with considerable emphasis on targets in oncology.

### **What does the role entail?**

As Research Fellow your main duties will include:

- Contributing to the development of the project, as directed by Professor Wilson, by assisting with the design, preparation and testing of peptides and peptidomimetics as inhibitors of protein-protein interactions
- Generating original ideas based on the outcome of analysis, in collaboration with Professor Wilson, internal and external partners (University of Bristol, AstraZeneca, Domainex and Northern Institute of Cancer Research etc.)
- Contributing to the dissemination of research results in leading peer-reviewed journals and through presentation at meetings and conferences, with guidance as necessary
- Supporting the activities of the research group to ensure a successful programme of investigation, including participation at group meetings and seminars
- Providing support and advice to other members of the group, and assisting in the supervision of students
- Working both independently and as part of a larger team of researchers and stakeholders, including undertaking research secondments at other research organisations as required by the project

These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required consistent with the grade of the post.



## What will you bring to the role?

As Research Fellow in Synthesis and Chemical Biology you will have:

- A PhD in Chemical Biology or have submitted a thesis prior to taking up appointment
- The ability to design bioactive compounds
- Experience in the use of modern spectroscopic methods (e.g. two-dimensional NMR, IR, mass spectrometry) to characterise synthetic intermediates
- A good background knowledge of contemporary research in Synthetic Chemistry and Chemical Biology, and an interest in protein-protein interaction science
- Experience in Synthetic Chemistry in its broadest sense
- Evidence of contributing to papers in internationally recognised, peer-reviewed journals or evidence of publishable research in progress
- Good interpersonal and communication skills, both written and verbal and the ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of stakeholders
- Good time management and planning skills, with the ability to meet tight deadlines
- A proven ability to work well both independently and as part of a team
- Ability to work accurately and carefully
- A strong commitment to your own continuous professional development

You may also have:

- Accepted publications in internationally recognised, peer-reviewed journals
- Expertise in peptide synthesis and/or the use of solid-phase synthesis
- The ability, with training, to perform assays of protein-protein interactions
- Practical experience in the following: (i) use and/or development of biophysical assays to monitor biomolecular interactions; (ii) experience in molecular biology, recombinant protein overexpression and purification; (iii) experience in cell culture and cell-based assays
- Experience of public communication and engagement



## How to apply

You can apply for this role online; more guidance can be found on our [How to Apply](#) information. Applications should be submitted by **23.59** (UK time) on the role's closing date.

## Contact information

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

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## Additional information

Find out more about the research of the [Wilson Group](#).

For further information about the project, the School of Chemistry and the Astbury Centre for Structural Molecular Biology please see the supplementary information document.

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