



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY
Research Specialist, Sgourakis Research Group

The [Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry](#) at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) invites applications for the position of Research Specialist in Biochemistry, under the direction of Professor Nikolaos Sgourakis. The Sgourakis Research Group investigates the structural biology of antigen processing and presentation pathways, with emphasis on viral immune interference mechanisms targeting MHC class-I molecules. We use standard recombinant protein expression, in vitro refolding and purification protocols combined with nuclear magnetic resonance methods for structure elucidation.

The successful candidate will help with the preparation of samples, experiment setup, and result interpretation. Assisting with the cloning, expression, and purification of protein samples will also be required at times, especially at the beginning of projects. The successful candidate will be expected to make scholarly contributions to the research program, including preparation of reports, refereed journal publications and/or meeting presentations and seminars. It is also the responsibility of the selected candidate to ensure that research proceeds as efficiently as possible; this will include creating timelines for each project, tracking progress of research projects, and proposing ideas for realigning projects with their timelines. Since this position requires working on multiple projects simultaneously and constantly collaborating with the PI and other group members, the applicant will need to excel at multi-tasking, be extremely self-motivated, and have exceptional written and verbal communication skills.

RANK: Assistant Specialist Step 1 – Associate Specialist Step 4, determined by qualifications and experience ([See rank qualifications](#)).

SALARY: Starting at \$42,780, commensurate with qualifications and experience.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS: Master's degree or equivalent foreign degree in chemistry, biochemistry or related discipline and at least one year of experience working in a research laboratory.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Cloning and protein expression/purification; experience in the writing and preparation of grants; the ability to organize and manage a lab; work well with faculty, staff, and students in an independent fashion; follow-up on orders and timelines; prioritize workload; meet deadlines; and communicate well verbally and in writing. For appointment to rank of Associate Specialist: A record of academic accomplishment, including contributions to published or in-press research in the field and a demonstrated record of University or public service.

POSITION AVAILABLE: Immediately

TERM OF APPOINTMENT: One year, with the possibility of extension contingent on availability of funding and positive performance review.

TO APPLY: Applications are accepted via the UCSC Academic Recruit online system, and must include 1) Curriculum vitae [and a list of publications if applicable], 2) a one page statement of research interests that addresses his/her expertise and skills, and 3) contact information for three references.* Documents/materials must be submitted as PDF files.

Inquiries at: nsgourak@ucsc.edu - <http://niksgourakis.chemistry.ucsc.edu>

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Refer to Position #JPF00353-16T in all correspondence.

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CLOSING DATE: Review of applications will begin on April 15, 2016. To ensure full consideration, applications should be complete by this date. The position will remain open until filled, but not later than 08/31/2016.

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