



Job Title: Scientific Glass Blower

Location: Starna Scientific Ltd, Hainault Business Park, 52-54 Fowler Road, Hainault, Ilford, Essex IG6 3UT

Salary: Competitive – Must have 3-5 years experience

Hours of Work: Mon-Thu 08:00-16:45 and Fri 08:00-15:15

Please Note: Applicants must be authorised to work in the UK

Please contact: Sarah Bacon, HR Manager on HRmanager@starna.com. Tel: 0208 500 1264 – to register your interest.

About the role:

We are looking for a skilled Scientific Glass Blower to assist in the manufacture of a wide variety of optical sampling components and accessories and scientific glassware, where precise dimensions are required and products must be distortion free.

Glassblowers at Starna work in conjunction with skilled fusers of optical components in an environment which emphasizes manufacturing principles. You will be capable of performing free hand bench work and adaptable to working from detailed technical drawings, sketches and verbal instructions.

The role involves a variety of glass forming work, using glass lathes and/or similar machines and an element of freehand glass blowing.

This is not a studio/artistic position, but rather a full-time scientific glassblowing production role in a fast-paced environment where exact tolerances are critical.

Key responsibilities:

- Hand finish to tight quality control specifications
- Apply knowledge and expertise to assess and solve problems
- Maintain a safe work environment following all protocol and safety standards
- Maintain all tools and equipment
- Train and support the growth of less skilled team members, as appropriate

About you:

Experience

- 5+ years experience, ideally in a production environment
- Demonstrable experience working with quartz and pyrex materials
- Experience in both bench work and lathe work
- Able to read and interpret technical drawings and manufacturing instructions

Attributes

- Ability to work without supervision or teamwork
- Communication
- Numeracy
- Hand eye co-ordination
- Dexterity

Desirable

- Be aware of systems and processes and embrace a LEAN mindset looking for opportunities to make production more efficient
- Experience training and sharing knowledge with other glass workers

Benefits

- Job security with long standing company (60 years)
- Company pension scheme
- Private Health scheme (qualify after 6 months service)
- 3 weeks company sick pay (qualify after 6 months service)
- Employee Assistance Programme
- Access to Extras, providing discounts at dozens of high street retailers
- Death-in-service benefit
- Cycle to Work scheme

Company Profile

Starna Scientific Ltd is the headquarters of the internationally recognised group of Starna companies, enjoying a worldwide reputation of quality, service and reliability in the manufacture and supply of spectrophotometer cells, optical components and Certified Reference Materials.

It is a family-owned company with approximately 100 employees and exports to over 90 countries worldwide. With a very diverse product range and customer base it is an extremely stable company with an outstanding reputation within the industry.