Portola Pharmaceuticals Inc. is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of the novel therapeutics for the treatment and prevention of severe cardiovascular diseases and cancer. With two marketed products and one of the most experienced discovery and development teams in the areas of vascular thrombosis, inflammation, and oncology, Portola is applying an integrated discovery and development approach to a comprehensive understanding of hemostasis, with an eye toward developing new therapeutics where current therapies are inadequate.

**Position Summary:**
The Scientist II Analytical Development will work in a biopharmaceutical analytical development group responsible for analytical method development, method qualification/validation and QC transfer of active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) and drug products throughout the development pipeline. Development of analytical assays and immunoassays used to characterize, establish, and monitor both the purity and strength of drug substances and products, analytical method development/optimization and assay transfers to QC and/or contract testing laboratories is a core responsibility. Experience with various analytical techniques, such as HPLC, CE, SDS-PAGE, Western Blot, UV/Vis and spectroscopic techniques is a plus. The successful candidate will also review and/or prepare validation protocols, reports and GMP controlled documents related to release and stability testing of drug substance and drug product. Familiarity with, and understanding of industry standards for regulated pharmaceutical testing is required. The Scientist will work in a team environment with members of the analytical, formulations and Quality groups along with scientists from related disciplines throughout the company.
Essential/Primary Duties, Functions and Responsibilities:

- Responsible for assay development/qualification/trouble shooting and assay transfer to Contract Testing Labs
- Support characterization and comparability assessment of protein pharmaceuticals
- Provide technical support for analytical sections of regulatory filings
- Provide technical support for OOS/OOT and deviation investigations
- Plan and organize experiments to meet specific technical objectives
- Prepare and/or review written technical reports, SOPs, regulatory filings, etc.
- Adhere to company procedures and policies for laboratory documentation, safety, quality, etc.
- Use good scientific judgment in all activities
- Participate in group and individual meetings to establish priorities and organize activities and communicate results

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Requirements:

- Requires a PhD in a scientific discipline or equivalent industry experience and training; 3+ years (Scientist I) or 5+ years (Scientist II) of experience in a research or biotechnology/pharmaceutical drug development environment
- Proficient with ELISA and biosassays as well as some combination of HPLC, SDS-PAGE, Western Blot, CE-SDS, and cIEF.
- Experience working with proteins and associated analytical methods
- Knowledge of relevant US/EU regulatory and quality requirements and standards
- Knowledge of Softmax, Chromeleon, Empower, and/or Chemstation software is a plus
- Knowledge of Good Laboratory Practices and/or Quality Control related cGMPs

Additional Information:

- Our company overview and history: http://www.portola.com/Company-Overview
- This position requires candidates to present a scientific seminar during the interview process
- Please include a cover letter that highlights your qualifications and matches our requirements and send resumes to careers@portola.com