

Position Description: Staff Accountant

Aratana Therapeutics, Inc. (NASDAQ: PETX), a pet therapeutics company focused on the licensing, development and commercialization of innovative biopharmaceutical products for companion animals, is a fast-growing company headquartered in the greater Kansas City area. Aratana intends to become a leader in pet therapeutics by developing, manufacturing and marketing products that address unmet or underserved medical needs of pets. The Aratana approach to pet therapeutics is built around bringing the best in scientific advances from human science to veterinary medicine.

In 2016, we have received FDA approval for three innovative therapeutics:

- A prostaglandin receptor antagonist that specifically targets the EP4 receptor to target osteoarthritis pain and inflammation in dogs
- A selective ghrelin receptor agonist that mimics ghrelin, the naturally-occurring “hunger hormone,” to stimulate appetite in dogs
- A long-acting, local anesthetic that provides up to 72 hours post-operative pain relief following cranial cruciate ligament surgery in dogs

Aratana has also received licensure from the USDA for two monoclonal antibodies as aids in the treatment of lymphoma. In addition, Aratana is working on a broad portfolio of other product candidates and continues to seek in-licensing opportunities.

Following the recent FDA approvals, Aratana has established a field-based sales force, an inside sales effort, a medical scientific liaison force, and national accounts coverage. During the coming years, Aratana anticipates continuing to expand its commercial activities.

Aratana has an opening for a Staff Accountant. This is a full time position and will report to the Assistant Controller. The position will be based at the Aratana Therapeutics headquarters located in Leawood, KS.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities and duties will be varied and will include:

- General Ledger: participate in various aspects of the general ledger close process including the preparation of journal entries such as month-end accruals and amortization of prepaid expenses, prepare account reconciliations, maintain fixed assets records and post depreciation expense;
- Payroll: input and maintain employee information in ADP and various payroll schedules, post payroll journal entries, reconcile ADP payroll with the general ledger;
- Bank Reconciliations: perform daily/monthly bank reconciliations in SAP;

- Accounts Payable: review invoices and employee expense reports posted by the Accounting Clerk for accuracy and completeness, provide guidance to Accounting Clerk in the accounts payable process, assist with entry of invoices and expense reports as needed;
- Accounts Receivable: review customer payments posted by the Accounting Clerk for accuracy and completeness, provide guidance to Accounting Clerk in the accounts receivable process, coordinate with Finance on past due accounts, assist with entry of customer payments as needed;
- Financial Reporting: assist in the preparation of financial statement disclosures in 10-Q and 10-K
- General and Administrative: duties: responsible for picking up and delivering mail, answer the phone as needed;
- Other duties as assigned

Skills and Key Competencies

- BS/BA in Accounting or related field is required
- Minimum 3 years' experience in the preparation and maintenance of financial records is required
- Working knowledge of SAP is highly preferred
- Payroll experience is highly preferred
- CPA is preferred
- Strong MS Excel, Word and Outlook skills required
- Ability to flourish in a dynamic, high growth environment
- Detail-oriented with ability to manage projects from inception through execution
- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written
- Ability to meet communicated deadlines
- Ability to multi-task
- Strong analytical skills
- Highly detail oriented and well organized

Compensation will be determined based on industry benchmarks and individualized to the candidate and will include annual base salary, potential for annual bonus and equity. Full benefits package provided.

Aratana is an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.