Associate Director, QA Qualification (CAPEX) (f/m/d)

Job Description Summary

Today, Lonza is a global leader in life sciences operating across three continents. While we work in science, there's no magic formula to how we do it. Our greatest scientific solution is talented people working together, devising ideas that help businesses to help people. In exchange, we let our people own their careers. Their ideas, big and small, genuinely improve the world. And that's the kind of work we want to be part of.

In order to support the strategic growth investment of the company in Visp, Switzerland, we are looking for a **senior quality leader responsible for the quality oversight during project initiation and execution** (equipment, utilities, facility commissioning & qualification) **for major CAPEX project in Visp**.

The position is based in Visp Switzerland, the site is easily commutable from the Bernese Oberland (40 minutes by train from Thun). Visp, also known as the sun center of Switzerland, is located in the Swiss Alps close to Zermatt, Saas Fee, Verbier and Cran-Montana – a beautiful area to go skiing in the winter or enjoying great views during hiking and biking tours in the summer.

Key responsibilities:

- Lead a team of Qualification manager
- Owns all quality related responsibilities for the project initiation and commissioning & qualification activities of the new facilities, equipment and utilities related to the GMP manufacturing of biologics.
- Representative of Quality in the CAPEX project organization in regards to GMP compliance and qualification of facilities, utilities, equipment and systems (incl. computerized systems).
- Reviews and releases of project and qualification documents.
- Be a Subject Matter Expert (SME) and provides guidance and recommendations to internal or external customers

Key requirements:

- Bachelor, Master degree or PhD in biotechnology, chemistry, life science or related field
- Significant experience in the GMP regulated pharmaceutical industry; preferable in a role within a Quality Unit
- Strong background in cGMP
- Broad knowledge in engineering and qualification of equipment, facilities, utilities (biopharmaceuticals) and related Guidelines (e.g. ASTM, ISPE, GAMP)
- Experience in interaction with all kind of interfaces within the organization and with regulatory agencies (Swissmedic, FDA etc.)
- Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communications skills
- Fluency in English, German would be an advantage

Every day, Lonza's products and services have a positive impact on millions of people. For us, this is not only a great privilege, but also a great responsibility. How we achieve our business results is just as important as the achievements themselves. At Lonza, we respect and protect our people and our environment. Any success we achieve is no success at all if not achieved ethically.