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# Principal Scientist – Covalency & Exploratory Chemical Biology

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Internal Position Title: Principal Scientist I

Position location: Cambridge, MA, onsite

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#### Key Responsibilities:

- proposing, designing, and evaluating novel assays and chemotypes to tackle longstanding challenges in covalent ligand discovery
- effective communication and collaboration as a critical member of multi-disciplinary project teams in early stage drug discovery and covalency-enabled exploration of new modalities
- biochemical, biophysical, and cellular characterization of protein-ligand interactions, including MS-based characterization of covalent adducts on proteins
- medium-to-high throughput compound screening

#### **Essential Requirements:**

• PhD in Chemical Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, or Biological Science with at least 2 years of related postdoctoral and/or industry experience.

- A background in covalent ligand discovery with an emphasis in biophysics or cellular studies and a working knowledge of organic chemistry.
- Knowledge of the concepts governing compound binding affinity and reactivity, kinetics, and selectivity as well as experience with design and application of affinity- and reactivity-based chemical probes
- The ability to work collaboratively, with autonomy, and thrive in a multitasking environment
- Fluent English (spoken and written).

#### **Desired Requirements:**

• Experience with covalent chemoproteomics principles and data

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