Equipment Engineer Position in NUFAB

Northwestern University Micro/Nano Fabrication Facility (NUFAB) is seeking qualified and motivated applicants to work in its new multimillion dollar, state-of-the-art 6000 ft² cleanroom facility. As a member of the Soft and Hybrid Nanoscale Experimental (SHyNE) Resource, a node of the NSF’s National Nanotechnology Coordinated Infrastructure (NNCI) and Northwestern’s recent recruitment of world-renowned microfabrication faculty, NUFAB is going through a phenomenal growth phase. Under direction of Northwestern’s Atomic and Nanoscale Characterization and Experimental (NUANCE) Center and in close association with the Simpson Querrey Institute (SQI) and The International Institute of Nanotechnology (IIN), NUFAB expects to continue to lead the Midwest region in micro- and nanofabrication discoveries and development.

The selected candidate will have the opportunity to develop professionally and contribute in many ways, including: maintaining newly acquired microfabrication equipment and qualifying processes on it, equipment trouble-shooting and repair, training and assisting graduate students, post-docs, and external users of the facility, and interacting with the NUFAB staff and faculty. This position is for one year with the possibility of changing into a permanent position. The permanent position will provide the opportunity to develop a career path at Northwestern University with a position that will enable contributing to equipment grant proposals.

Skills: The preferred candidate will have demonstrated expertise in microfabrication equipment maintenance as well as process qualification. The equipment experience should include fundamental understanding of the principles of the equipment operation, experience of equipment modification, troubleshooting, maintenance, and repair. Experience working in cleanroom environment is preferred. The candidate will have demonstrated the ability to provide hands-on training for microfabrication and characterization equipment. The candidate will have demonstrated experience in chemical and cleanroom equipment safety. The successful candidate will be customer-oriented and will contribute towards improving the operation of the facility.

Duties: The equipment engineer will be responsible for maintaining equipment to perform to its specifications, trouble-shooting and repair with low downtimes, assisting internal and external users of the facility with equipment training and use, and safe operation of the facility. This includes teaching safety and cleanroom protocol, writing and updating standard operating procedures (SOPs), training users on microfabrication and characterization equipment, performing equipment installations/maintenance/repair, providing safety oversight and support, performing microfabrication for funded projects and other duties as assigned.

Qualifications: Bachelor’s degree in Engineering or Science with background in MEMS or semiconductor micro/nano fabrication and hands-on equipment experience. Candidates with Associate’s degree plus several years of suitable experience may also be considered. Please email resume to: nufab@northwestern.edu