At UL, we know why we come to work.

Thousands of us around the world wake up every day with a common purpose: to make the world a safer, more secure and sustainable place. Science is in our DNA; we are endlessly curious and passionate about seeking and speaking the truth. We take delight in knowing that our work makes a meaningful contribution to society, and we are proud that our culture is centered on integrity, collaboration, inclusion and excellence. UL stands at the forefront of technological advancement, and we are continually challenged to find new ways to foster innovation and positive change. Satisfying? Yes. Exciting? Absolutely!

The R&D and External Science, Science and Operations, team is seeking candidates to lead the Fire R&D team. The successful candidate will emphasize mentorship and supporting the career growth of researchers and technicians that report to them, while providing science-based solutions to UL’s businesses and customers. The candidate will be expected to build a personal network both with UL leadership and technical staff, as well as with UL’s customers and other external stakeholders: this personal network is expected to provide a pipeline of project work to the team as well as facilitate sharing of acquired team knowledge and results and enhance the visibility of the team and its staff.

Individual will work within the fire R&D team, with multiple business units of UL LLC, ULI and the UL Standards organization. This position requires working knowledge of fire protection principles (NFPA 550) and assessment of the fire performance of materials, devices and systems.

What you’ll learn & achieve:

Manages technical research staff supporting technical requirements based on fire protection principles as applied in activities of the corporation. Provides administrative and technical support for research projects.

- In collaboration with Fire R&D Team members develops programs, projects, apparatus and test methodologies to resolve requests from internal and external customers. Assists in conducting studies and analysis to determine the feasibility of various fire protection approaches.
- Defines concepts and criteria to resolve major problems in current programs or approaches.
- Monitors and distributes work load.
- Represents and advocates for the team.
- Participates in the planning and coordination of the Team’s end
Participates in the planning and coordination of the team’s contributions at discussion with UL business units, outside customers, industry and trade groups.

Oversees technical research that will support the integrity and uniformity of technical methods, techniques and requirements applied in conformity assessment programs

Coordinates review of requirements being developed for new and unusual products submitted for investigation by UL.

Assists with interpretation of technical requirements applied in conformity assessment programs.

Approves technical research programs along with objectives, staffing, budgets and performance goals.

Develops and implements research program strategic plans, processes, communication systems, information systems and performance measurement systems.

Coordinates implementation and administration of programs in local offices and subsidiaries. Provides assistance to local office personnel in the development and implementation of local initiatives related to corporate programs, in developing research proposals, and with administration of research projects and contracts.

Manages program performance by evaluating performance to standards and implementing corrective actions.

Monitors trends and developments in area of expertise and responsibility and applies to programs in keeping with corporate strategy.

Develops, recommends and administers corporate policy.

Manages the performance of direct reports by defining accountabilities, establishing performance objectives, providing feedback and guidance, and ensuring that all policies are understood and adhered to.

Read and follow the Underwriters Laboratories Code of Conduct, and follow all physical and digital security practices.

Performs other duties as required.

What makes you a great fit:

University Degree in Fire Protection, Mechanical Engineering, Physics or other related technology discipline plus generally 10 years of direct related work or a minimum of 20 years career experience of increasing responsibility and leadership in the fire service.

Demonstrated general knowledge of fire protection disciplines. Demonstrated ability to maintain academic and or applied knowledge and skills.

Ability to collaborate with peers, and work directly with Research Engineers, Scientists and other team members in order to complete a project from inception to conclusion. Willingness to guide project work.

Excellent verbal and written communication skills required to communicate research findings. Ability to interface with clients directly and effectively. Ability to engage with trade organizations, authorities having jurisdiction and other stakeholder groups.

Expected to identify potential project/technical needs independently and/or with limited guidance from senior leadership; independently prioritize work, identify current and future resource needs, lead/anticipate in team strategy planning.

Self-starter, quick learner, and eager to contribute to the team’s efforts. Creativity, curiosity, and ability to motivate staff are personal attributes which lead to success in this position.

UL has COVID-19 protocols and policies in place to ensure the safety of our employees, customers and clients. Effective November 1, 2021, the company mandates that employees are vaccinated against COVID-19 as a condition of employment (except where prohibited by law), subject to reasonable accommodation as required by law.

What you’ll experience working at UL:

Mission: For UL, corporate and social responsibility isn’t new. Making the world a safer, more secure and sustainable place has been our business model for the last 125 years and is deeply engrained in everything we do.

People: Ask any UL employee what they love most about working here, and you’ll almost always hear, “the people.” Going beyond what is possible is the standard at UL. We’re able to deliver the best because we employ the best.

Interesting work: Every day is different for us here as we eagerly anticipate the next innovation that our customers create. We’re inspired to take on the challenge that will transform how people live, work and play. And as a global company, in many roles, you will get international experience working with colleagues around the world.

Grow & achieve: We learn, work and grow together with targeted development, reward and recognition programs as well as our very own UL University that employees at all stages, including a technical training track for
Total Rewards: All employees at UL are eligible for bonus compensation. UL offers a generous 401k matching structure of up to 5% of eligible pay. Additionally, we invest an additional 4% into your retirement saving fund after your first year of continuous employment. We provide Healthcare Reimbursement Accounts and Health Savings Accounts that UL contributes to twice per year! Depending on your role, you can work with your manager on flexible working arrangements. We also provide employees with paid time off including vacation, holiday, sick and volunteer time off.

Learn More:

Working at UL is an exciting journey that twists and turns daily. We thrive in the twists and revel in the turns. This is our every day. This is our normal.

Curious? To learn more about us and the work we do, visit UL.com

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Connect With Us!

Not ready to apply, or can't find a relevant opportunity?
Connect with us to keep informed about the latest UL career opportunities, tailored to your interests.

If you wish to request reasonable accommodation at any time, please email our Talent Acquisition team at Talent.Acquisition@ul.com.

UL is an Equal Opportunity Employer: Female/Minority/disability/Protected Veteran/Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, protected veteran status, or disability status. If you’d like more information about your EEO rights as an applicant under the law, please review the EEO is the Law and EEO is the Law Supplement.

Please review the following additional documents:

UL EEO Policy
Pay Transparency Statement
E-Verify Poster (English)
Right to Work Poster (English)

UL is committed to hiring and retaining a qualified diverse workforce. We are proud to be an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer, making decisions without regard to race, color, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, national origin, age, veteran status, disability, or any other protected class U.S. Citizenship is required for most positions.

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Application FAQs

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