Research Support Specialist III  
Electrical Engineer  

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- Design complex specialized electronic equipment for the operation of a large-scale accelerator complex comprised of: Cornell Electron Storage Ring (CESR), Synchrotron, Linac, and CBETA. Included in new designs are analog and digital control circuits as well as sophisticated programmable logic devices (fpga’s) requiring specialized software tool experience.
- Design multilayer printed circuit boards for control system applications paying attention to high speed effects, signal flow, and proper design rule adherence.
- Perform research and analysis on the best design techniques for specific projects.
- Generate specifications for large equipment development projects and acquisitions.
- Plan and conduct experiments for new equipment design.
- Trouble shoot complex electronic system failures.
- Plan and implement preventative maintenance programs for accelerator electronic systems.
- Develop recommendations for system improvements, modifications, and upgrades.
- Provide guidance and training to new employees in all of our system topologies, proper test procedures and design techniques.

What we need:
Master’s degree in electrical engineering with 3 to 5 years of relevant experience or equivalent combination. Experience with power electronics, low-level programming of fpga devices, digital logic, analog circuitry, printed circuit board design, and trouble-shooting complex electronic control systems. Mechanical design for electronics enclosures, heat sinking and proper cooling. Good visual acuity and small-motor skills are needed for the testing and assembly of high-density electronic circuits and surface mount components. Effective communication, judgement, and teamwork skills are essential. Capable of adapting to the changing needs of a research environment. Able to receive directions and to communicate effectively across all research groups in the laboratory. Work effectively and cooperatively within a team environment.

What we would like:
Extensive experience designing electronics based on programmable-logic devices, analog circuitry, power switching circuits, including mastery of: programmable logic software, printed circuit layout software, and electronic simulation software. Skilled in the use of surface mount technology and the tools of the trade are desirable. Large project
management experience. Familiarity with OpenVMS, Unix, and Windows operating systems, and EPICS control systems is a plus.

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