Laboratory Assistant, Food Microbiology

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Laboratory Assistant, Food Microbiology

Analytical Biology Unit, Agriculture & Food Laboratory, Laboratory Services Division

Hiring #: 2016-0218

Please read the Application Instructions [2] before applying

The Food Microbiology Lab, Laboratory Services is seeking an individual to work with time-sensitive samples in a fast-paced, high-volume environment. Primary duties include: assisting in preparation of food and environmental samples for testing; assisting in plating and transferring enrichments and counting bacterial colonies following established protocols and to appropriate quality standards; entering results in LIMS; assisting with preparation of reagents, culture media and quality controls; assisting with monitoring and ordering supplies, preparing purchase orders and cost analysis; assist in maintaining QA/QC in work area with appropriate documentation; and, maintaining the lab to a high level of cleanliness; and other duties as assigned.

Requirements of the position include: Two year community college program from a relevant science program combined with related laboratory experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Additional requirements include: demonstrated experience within an ISO 17025 accredited food microbiology; demonstrated experience in processing sample; proven self-motivation to work independently and to set/meet priorities within a client-focused, time-sensitive work environment; demonstrated interpersonal and organizational skills; excellent oral and written communication skills to effectively work with co-workers within a busy team environment and to resolve conflicting priorities; understanding of QA/QC requirements, laboratory safety practices and WHMIS as applied within a microbiology laboratory environment.

Hours of work are 35 hours per week, Monday-Friday, 11 a.m to 7:00 p.m. Occasional overtime is required.

Position Number    485-080
Classification         USW, Local 4120 Salary Band 3
Salary Range          $20.20 Minimum (Level 1)
                      $22.55 Normal Hiring Limit (Level 3)
                      $27.26 Job Rate (Level 7)

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