Research Animal Technician - Cage Wash

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Campus Animal Facilities, Office of Research

Hiring #: 2018-0066

Please read the Application Instructions [1] before applying

Reporting to the Manager Campus Animal Facilities, the incumbent will be accountable for a variety of duties which includes serving on a team of client-focused, highly skilled laboratory animal specialists providing technical support and animal care in a research environment including providing the mandatory training in the care and use of rodents as research models. The incumbent will provide veterinary technical and animal care support to research endeavors with an emphasis on the maintenance of breeding colonies of genetically modified mice. This position oversees the dirty side of the cage wash area and is vital to quality assurance and overall biosecurity in the entire facility. The incumbent also provides oversight for part time employees and volunteers. This position liaises and provides advice to researchers in regard to their project-specific needs for technical support such as gavage, blood sample collection and various injections, endpoint and humane intervention assessments, surgery, anesthesia, and euthanasia including postmortem tissue collection and preservation. The incumbent provides advice and guidance to faculty, graduate and undergraduate student researchers on genetically modified mouse breeding strategies. The incumbent will provide mentorship in the care, handling and restraint techniques specific to laboratory animals to new staff, graduate and undergraduate students. Responsible for maintaining detailed medical records. This position is also responsible for providing some mechanical assistance and maintaining the animal rooms in hygienic manner. The incumbent may work occasionally in the other Campus Animal Facilities including the containment level 2 animal housing facility providing animal care, teaching and technical support

Requirements of this position include: Veterinary Technician (VT) or Bachelor of Science (BSc) plus one to two years related research experience, with a preference given to those candidates who are Registered Veterinary Technicians, and Registered Laboratory Animal Technicians. Additional requirements include: in-depth knowledge of the guidelines and legislation relevant to working with laboratory animals; knowledgeable about the Ontario Health and Safety Act and its application in the workplace; knowledge and ability to handle hazardous chemicals and biohazardous material; mechanical aptitude; proficient computer skills; excellent interpersonal, organizational, and communication skills; ability to think analytically and creatively; must be client focus, have initiative, and enjoy working independently as well as being a great team worker; must have the ability to plan and organize independently; and valid driver’s license.

The incumbent will be available to rotate through the other campus animal facilities as needed. The incumbent may be asked to provide essential animal care during shut down due to inclement weather. Some weekend or shift work may be required. 37.5 hours per week. This position involves exposure to odours, allergens, noise, dust, frequent lifting, restraint of large animals and a diverse range of motions. Protective rabies titre required.

Position Number  095-032
Classification  USW, Local 4120 Salary Band 5*
Salary Range  $24.42 Minimum (Level 1)
$27.28 Normal Hiring Limit (Level 3)
$33.05 Job Rate (Level 7)

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. At the University of Guelph, fostering a culture of inclusion [2] is an institutional imperative. The University invites and encourages applications from all qualified individuals, including from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in employment, who may contribute to further diversification of our Institution.

*Tentative evaluation; subject to committee review.

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