Laboratory Assistant, Bacteriology

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Laboratory Assistant, Bacteriology

Animal Health Laboratory

Laboratory Services Division

Hiring #: 2018-0059

Please read the Application Instructions [1] before applying

The Laboratory Assistant supports the diagnostic efforts of the Bacteriology Section, Animal Health Laboratory. The successful candidate will be responsible for: sample set-up for bacterial and fungal cultures using a variety of diagnostic samples originating from different animal species and their environments; making various media/reagents for diagnostic and surveillance testing (i.e. Salmonella spp., Paenibacillus larvae); and ensuring that quality assurance (QA) requirements are met. Additional duties include: receiving, processing and proper disposal of samples; ensuring proper storage/incubation of inoculated media and specimens; maintaining records according to quality control measures; performing quality control on media, reagents and kits used in the laboratory; tracking and logging lot numbers of reagents and media; maintaining an inventory of required laboratory supplies; washing, cleaning and autoclaving contaminated laboratory glassware, etc.; maintaining laboratory cleanliness and safety; and adhering to occupational health and safety and WHMIS legislation.

Requirements of the position include: One year Community College graduation from a laboratory assistant/technician program, combined with some related experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Additional requirements include: working experience in sample set-up; knowledge of QA requirements within an accredited laboratory; experience in the cleaning and sterilization of laboratory equipment and glassware; proven media preparation experience; excellent attention to detail demonstrated through experience in logging samples/specimens and maintaining laboratory records; ability to work efficiently within tight deadlines, with minimal supervision; demonstrated organizational, interpersonal and oral/written communication skills; awareness of occupational health & safety and WHMIS in a laboratory environment; proven ability to work effectively in a team environment; positive, friendly manner to work in an environment dedicated to client service and confidentiality. Must be, or willing to be rabies immunized.

Hours of work: Monday - Friday, 10 am to 6 pm

Position Number 482-111
Classification USW, Local 4120 Salary Band 3*
Salary Range $20.50 Minimum (Level 1)
   $22.89 (Level 3)
   $27.67 (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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