Laboratory Technician, Virology

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Animal Health Laboratory, Laboratory Services Division

Temporary full-time from January 2019 to January 2020
Temporary absence of the regular incumbent

Hiring #: 2019-0047

Please read the Application Instructions [1] before applying

The Laboratory Services Division (LSD) provides diagnostic and testing services to clients in private industry, government and academic organizations. A diverse service laboratory, LSD consists of two operational units: The Animal Health Laboratory (AHL) and the Agriculture and Food Laboratory (AFL). The Virology Lab within the Animal Health Laboratory is seeking a technician to perform immunologic and molecular testing on various sample types, leveraging state of the art tools and technology. Join a talented and collaborative team of professionals and grow your expertise in laboratory testing.

Key responsibilities of Laboratory Technician:

- Handling and preparing various specimen types for testing;
- Performing analysis of specimens via ELISA, PCR, virus neutralization, agglutination, and cell culture.
- Conducting all techniques consistently to minimize errors;
- Producing accurate and reliable test results in a timely fashion following quality protocols, standard operating procedures, and work instructions.
- Troubleshooting of laboratory equipment.
- Complying with LSD guidelines and policies including Health and Safety, and Quality Assurance.
- Identifying non-conformances and non-routine situations to Supervisor to support continuous improvement.
- Assisting with development and validation of new tests.
- Writing reports, ordering, and maintaining quality control on reagents and chemicals.
- Ensuring laboratory cleanliness and safety.

The Virology Lab high-throughput environment is fast paced and highly collaborative. Candidates who bring a positive and service-focused attitude and who thrive managing multiple tasks and working within a team will be most successful in this role. Minimum requirements also include the following:

- Three-year community college diploma plus related experience in a laboratory environment or an equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Demonstrated experience conducting a variety of immunologic and molecular tests.
- Excellent knowledge of computer software.
- Excellent knowledge of personal and laboratory safety related to handling and disposal of infectious specimens.
- Demonstrated organizational, oral/written communication skills.
- Knowledge of Occupational Health and Safety and WHMIS legislation in a laboratory environment; good understanding of analytical laboratory quality procedures and statistics.
- Knowledge of automated laboratory systems would be considered an asset.
Must be, or willing to be, rabies vaccinated.

Covering Position Number 482-098
Classification USW, Local 4120 Salary Band 5
Normal Hiring Range $24.79 - $27.69 per hour

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.

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