Research Animal Technician

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Research Animal Technician

Campus Animal Facilities, Office of Research

Temporary full-time from May 23, 2019 to November 29, 2019
Temporary absence of the regular incumbent

Hiring #: 2019-0273

Please read the Application Instructions [1] before applying

Reporting to the Supervisor, Campus Animal Facilities Research Support, the incumbent will be accountable for a variety of duties which include: one of a team of client focused, highly skilled laboratory animal specialists providing 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 and care of animals in neuroscience research. This position oversees the inventory and purchasing of enrichment items for improvement of animal welfare. The incumbent also provides oversight for part time employees/volunteers. This position liaises with researchers regarding their project specific needs for technical support such as blood sample collection and various injections, endpoint and humane intervention assessments, surgical assistance, anaesthesia, humane euthanasia including postmortem tissue collection and preservation. 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 and data collection 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 and of the campus animal facilities including the containment level 2 animal housing facility providing animal care, teaching and technical support

Requirements of this position include: Two-year community college diploma in a Veterinary Technician or an Animal Health Technician program plus one year related research experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Registered Veterinary Technician, Registered Laboratory Animal Technician or B.Sc./M.Sc. is preferred. Additional requirements include: in depth knowledge of the guidelines and legislation relevant to working with laboratory animals in research; an in depth knowledge environmental enrichment strategies and their implementation, of knowledgeable about the Ontario Health and Safety Act and its application in the workplace; knowledge and ability to handle hazardous chemicals; mechanical aptitude is a must; proficient computer skills including MS Word, MS Excel, eAUP database; must be caring and compassionate towards animals, have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, be highly organized and self-motivated; ability to think analytically and creatively; client focused; ability to work well in a team environment; possess a 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.

Covering Position Number 095-005
Classification USW, Local 4120 Salary Band 5
Normal Hiring Range $25.16 - $28.11 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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