Research Animal Technician - Clean Side Cage Wash

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Campus Animal Facilities, Office of Research

Hiring #: 2019-0435

Please read the Application Instructions [1] before applying

Reporting to the Supervisor, the incumbent will be part of a team of highly skilled laboratory animal technicians providing exemplary animal care and technical support for a variety of different species and research projects. There is a focus on the maintenance of genetically modified mouse breeding colonies and animal care for neuroscience research. This position liaises with researchers regarding their project specific needs for technical support such as blood sample collection and various injections, surgical assistance and anaesthesia, health assessment and humane euthanasia, including postmortem tissue collection and preservation. Responsible for maintaining detailed medical records. The incumbent will be responsible for ensuring all animals are cared for under the standards outlined by the Canadian Council of Animal Care and will always strive to be improving enrichment and animal welfare.

The incumbent will provide mentorship and training in the care, handling and restraint techniques specific to rodents to new staff, graduate and undergraduate students through the mandatory Animal Care Services Institutional Animal Utilization Teaching program.

This position has an integral role in maintaining the biosecurity of the facility by overseeing the clean side of the cage wash area which includes autoclaving caging and equipment and managing the facility laundry.

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. is preferred. 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; mechanical aptitude is a must; proficient computer skills including MS Word, MS Excel, eAUP database; excellent interpersonal, organizational, and communication skills; ability to think analytically and creatively; client focused; self-directed; ability to work well in a team environment; be capable of planning and organization; valid driver’s license.

The incumbent will be available to rotate through the other campus animal facilities as needed, including Containment Level 2, Agricultural (CL2Ag) facility. 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          095-030
Classification            USW, Local 4120 Salary Band 5
Salary Range              $25.16 Minimum (Level 1)
$28.11 Normal Hiring Limit (Level 3)
$34.05 Job Rate (Level 7)
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