Animal Surveillance Technician

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Campus Animal Facilities, Office of Research

Hiring #: 2019-0508

Please read the Application Instructions [1] before applying

Reporting to the Supervisor of Campus Animal Facilities, the Animal Surveillance Technician (AST) position provides technical support and research animal facility surveillance overnight. The incumbent will be responsible to monitor the health and wellbeing of a wide variety of animals and the environmental parameters in the research holding facilities on campus. The incumbent must be capable of working entirely independently through the night, with great problem-solving skills and judgement. The incumbent will be responsible for providing technical support to animals requiring treatments and monitoring. This position oversees a team of part time AST’s, including hiring, training, scheduling, mentoring, and providing functional guidance to this group. The AST will also provide support in the cage wash area overnight and must have a thorough understanding of biosecurity. This position liaises with the Research Animal Technicians and the Researchers in regard to their project-specific needs for technical support overnight including various treatments, endpoint and humane intervention assessments, post-surgical monitoring, euthanasia and postmortem tissue collection and preservation. Responsible for maintaining detailed medical records. The incumbent works in all the on Campus Animal Facilities including the containment level 2 animal housing facility providing animal care and technical support

Requirements of this position include: Two (2) year community college (Veterinary Technician (VT) or Bachelor of Science (BSc) preferred) plus six (6) months extensive 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; must have the ability to plan and organize; and valid driver’s license.

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. 30 hours per week. This position involves exposure to odours, allergens, noise, dust, frequent lifting, restraint of large animals, working the night shift and a diverse range of motions. Protective rabies titre required.

Position Number 095-033
Classification USW, Local 4120 Salary Band 4
Salary Range $23.13 Minimum (Level 1) $25.85 Normal Hiring Limit (Level 3) $31.29 Job Rate (Level 7)

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