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Department Laboratory Technician

Department of Pathobiology, Ontario Veterinary College

Hiring #: 2021-0566

Please read the Application Instructions [1] before applying

The Department of Pathobiology at the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge in veterinary and comparative pathology, veterinary infectious diseases and immunology. This Department Laboratory Technician will provide technical assistance for research conducted by faculty members in the assigned laboratories as well have general departmental responsibilities supporting any of the department activities. Responsibilities include: providing support for research projects; maintaining personnel and laboratory compliance with biohazard and safety regulations; maintaining laboratory and other equipment and analysers in the assigned laboratory; ordering and receiving for research groups; supporting the decontamination of equipment and preparing related documentation; assisting in the preparation and delivery of courses. The Laboratory Technician will serve as an important technical link between research groups and collaborators inside and outside the Department.

Requirements of this position include: 2-year college diploma from a related program (BSc in microbiology, molecular biology, biomedical sciences, or a related field preferred) plus 1.5 years of laboratory experience in the biomedical field providing technical laboratory support and operating various laboratory equipment, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Experience with providing technical support for microbiology (especially virology) research projects and flow cytometry, including student training and experience in working with cellular (e.g. cell culture) and molecular biology (e.g., RNA and DNA extraction, conventional and real-time PCR, electrophoresis), immunology/microbiology (especially virology) (e.g. virus propagation, virus titration, immunoblotting, and serology assays including ELISA) is required. In addition, experience in working with animals is required. The job involves some lifting and a diverse range of motions for a wide variety of activities.

Candidates should demonstrate:

- Effective communication and interpersonal skills
- Accuracy and attention to detail
- Strong organizational skills
- Ability to recommend efficiencies related to research activities
- Intermediate proficiency with Microsoft Office, in particular Word, PowerPoint, Excel

Position Number         210-0118
Classification               USW, Local 4120 Salary Band 6*
Salary Range              $28.00 Minimum
$31.29 Normal Hiring Limit
$37.88 Job Rate

*Tentative evaluation; subject to committee review.

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