Research Assistant/Technician III – Clinical Trials, Veterinary Medical Innovation Program

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Department of Clinical Studies, Ontario Veterinary College

Temporary full-time from January 3, 2023 to December 31, 2023
Temporary absence of the regular incumbent
Hiring #: 2022-0815

Please read the Application Instructions [1] before applying

The department of Clinical Studies is seeking to hire a Registered Veterinary Technician to assist the Animal Health Partners Research Chair in Veterinary Medical Innovation with the mission of improving execution of clinical trials and research performed at the OVC. The position involves both technical and administrative aspects to help support the research program of the Veterinary Medical Innovation Program and assist with the OVC Clinical Trials program.

This position will function under the supervision of Dr. Oblak and the Research Manager, with the key areas of responsibility including:

- Clinical trials primary patient care activities including, but not limited to, admission, care and discharge of companion animal patients, acquisition and documentation of physical findings, procurement of laboratory specimens (blood, urine, feces, etc), anesthesiology and special diagnostic procedures.
- Identify potential prospective research candidates/patients, communicate and obtain authorizations/permissions, schedule and participates in follow-up examinations and re-evaluation of clients/patients enrolled in studies.
- Clinical data collection and management for prospective and retrospective studies including quality assurance of data collected by other members of the team
- Assist with supplies, inventory and ordering, grant tracking and billing
- Assist with study design including animal utilization protocols and developing study and recruitment materials.
- Provide patient care and technical support for preclinical research studies in companion animals
- Provide technical support and functional guidance to veterinary students, graduate students, clinicians (faculty) and staff
- Cross-training with tumour bank coordinator to assist with duties, when available

We are seeking an individual who is passionate about companion animal research; prior research experience is ideal but not required. Requirements for this position include successful completion of an accredited Veterinary Technician program recognized by the Ontario Association for Veterinary Technicians, successful completion of the Veterinary Technician Examination (VTNE) and the OAVT mandatory ethics exam. OAVT registration is required. A minimum of 2 years prior experience working as a Registered Veterinary Technician is required. Status as a registered laboratory animal technician (RLAT) is an asset but is not mandatory. Excellent communication skills; ability to work independently and as part of a team; experience performing restraint, blood collections and anesthesia in companion animals; strong computer skills including experience using word processing software, spreadsheets and email. This individual must be willing to work both in clinical and preclinical research.
environments with dogs and cats. Must be detail oriented and have excellent organizational and time management skills. Proof of a protective rabies titre is required.

The incumbent will be expected to work a 35-hour work week with occasional scheduling flexibility for evening and weekend assistance as specific studies require.

Classification  Grant/ Trust fund position, Band C
GTAT (Grant & Trust Administrative and Technical) Salary Grid [2]

At the University of Guelph, fostering a culture of inclusion [3] 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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