Candidate Information

Position:	Technician
School/Department:	Centre for Biomedical Sciences Education
Reference:	22/110556
Closing Date:	Monday 6 February 2023
Salary:	£25,642 - £29,619 per annum
Duration:	Thursday 16 February 2023

JOB PURPOSE:

To provide specialist technical advice and support to facilitate delivery of teaching programmes, including assistance with student projects and external courses hosted by Centre for Biomedical Sciences Education (CBMSE).

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Provide technical advice and support student learning at all levels in the Anatomy Laboratories.
2. Ensure a high standard of work, tidiness, safety in the mortuary, dissection rooms, technical support area and other teaching rooms.
3. Monitor and maintain stocks of chemical and cleaning materials as well as personal protective equipment. Prepare preservation solutions.
4. Share responsibility, and on occasion assume the lead role, for receiving donors and preparing cadavers and maintaining accurate records and confidentiality.
5. Prepare cadavers for burial/cremation and on occasion deputise for the Senior Technician in liaising with the relevant services that support burial/cremation.
6. Share responsibility, and on occasion assume the lead role, for assessment of the suitability of a body at the time of death.
7. Operate all mortuary equipment safely as required.
8. Coordinate and oversee the secure storage and routine/ periodic maintenance of potted anatomical /pathological specimens collection. Maintain and repair anatomical models, skeletons etc.
9. Provide in-class technical support and invigilation as necessary and cover temporary staff absences/ and /or otherwise offset/ mitigate other potential operational shortfalls.
10. Contribute to the development of teaching, through the provision of specialist know-how and advice to generate new methods and approaches.
11. Undertake in-house Human Tissue Act and practical skills training to service provision the Body Donation Scheme. Carry out the necessary recording required to comply with the Human Tissue Act.
12. Ensure that all university and statutory health & safety requirements are fully adhered to. Act as local Fire Warden and/or First Aider and member of CBMSE Fire Evacuation Team.
13. Supervise junior members of staff and students including those using the Dissection Rooms for projects, summer studentships and postgraduate research.
14. Provide on-call service outside normal working hours, including weekends and public holidays for the Body Bequest Scheme.
15. Prepare cadavers, apparatus, equipment and other materials for external training courses facilitated by CBMSE. This may require occasional weekend work.
16. Ensure set up and routine maintenance and upkeep of CBMSE laboratory PC workstations including in the Histology laboratory. Liaise with educational technologies providers as required about upgrades, performance and usage of software. Oversee and maintain optimum performance of AV and teaching related equipment in CBMSE.
17. Carry out any other duties which are appropriate to the post as may be reasonably requested by Supervisor. These may include temporary deployment elsewhere within the Centre/School for training purposes and /or for operational reasons such as providing contingency cover.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Academic or vocational qualifications (e.g NVQ 3, 2 A Levels, ONC/OND, City & Guilds level 3 or equivalents in a relevant subject).
2. 3 years' relevant laboratory experience to include 12 months experience in handling cadaveric material.
3. Up to date knowledge of cremation/burial procedures.
4. Comprehensive knowledge of embalming procedures.
5. Well-developed understanding of health and safety requirements.
6. Knowledge of the Human Tissue Act 2004.
7. Ability to liaise with doctors and make informed decisions on suitability of receipt of bodies.
8. Ability to maintain confidentiality.
9. Good communication and interpersonal skills.
10. Ability to communicate in a sensitive and tactful way with recently bereaved and perspective donors.
11. Must be able and prepared to assist in the Mortuary and dissection room.
12. Must be able to provide on-call service outside normal working hours, including weekends and public holidays for the Body Bequest Scheme.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Level 3 Diploma in Healthcare Science (Anatomical Pathology Technology).