



## Candidate Information

**Position:** Technician  
**School/Department:** Faculty Office MHLS  
**Reference:** 24/111721  
**Closing Date:** Monday 8 April 2024  
**Salary:** £23,607 - £25,641 per annum  
**Anticipated Interview Date:** Friday 19 April 2024  
**Duration:** Permanent - Full Time

### JOB PURPOSE:

To provide a technical support service to academic and research staff and students.

### MAJOR DUTIES:

1. To contribute to care for animals, including the provision of suitable food and water at all times to ensure that animals have high standards of welfare under the provisions of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act, 1986 and its amendments.
2. Aid with the construction of standard equipment for research and teaching purposes following a clear brief supplied by others.
3. Operate and carry out routine maintenance on standard BSU research equipment as directed. Ensure the BSU maintains a good standard of housekeeping.
4. Maintenance of basic breeding programmes as requested.
5. As required, with supervision, the maintenance of special animals behind designated barriers, including individually ventilated cages and in negative- and positive-pressure isolators.
6. Clean and prepare caging, bedding, and surgical instruments, rooms and corridors within the BSU facilities, These duties will include using an autoclave where appropriate, following training.
7. Provide technical assistance and demonstrate techniques to students and staff for research and teaching purposes as and when required.
8. Carry out accurate record-keeping including the recording and filing of information and the use of straightforward paper and electronic databases.
9. General movement and transportation of goods and equipment and other manual duties as required, according to detailed instructions.
10. There is a requirement to undertake essential overtime duties on a rota, in order to provide services at weekends and University closure days.
11. Carry out any other duties which are appropriate to the post as may be reasonably requested by Supervisor.

### ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Academic and/or vocational qualifications ie 5 GCSE's A-C and/or NVQ level 2 in relevant subject (or equivalent).
2. 1 year's relevant experience in working with animals and be familiar with the animal facility in a research setting, to include previous experience in animal care, cleaning and feeding.
3. Previous experience in maintaining a high level of cleanliness in a facility/workplace.
4. Experience working with products to maintain aseptic environments such as alcohol, bleach, anti-viral washes, autoclave and/or UV light sterilization.
5. Some knowledge of the Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act, 1986 and subsequent amendments.
6. Clear understanding of laboratory procedures and relevant regulations including Health and Safety requirements relating to laboratory work.
7. Working knowledge of relevant systems, equipment and processes and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).
8. IT skills.
9. Good communication and interpersonal skills.
10. Ability to develop and demonstrate standard equipment and techniques.

11. Ability to prioritise within own work schedule.
12. Problem solving skills.
13. Able to work as a member of team within the BSU.
14. Ability to meet the physical requirements of the post, following reasonable adjustments if required.
15. Ability to use mechanical and electrical equipment.
16. Prepared to participate on weekend rota and University closure rotas.
17. Requirement to obtain a Department of Health personal licence (PILA+PILB).

**DESIRABLE CRITERIA:**

1. Institute of Animal Technology first level certificate or equivalent.
2. Currently holding Home Office / Department of Health Personal Individual License Modules 1-3 (PIL A and B).
3. Completed Home Office / Department of Health Module 4.
4. Prepared to work towards or continue further education to gain relevant qualifications.
5. Committed to a career in laboratory and animal technology.
6. Long-term commitment to careful, high quality work.