



Candidate Information

Position:	Trainee Technician (2 posts)
School/Department:	Faculty Office MHLS
Reference:	25/112391
Closing Date:	Monday 17 February 2025
Salary:	£26,093-£26,400 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date:	Wednesday 26 February 2025
Duration:	Fixed Term - Full Time, Available for approx. 1 year

JOB PURPOSE:

To provide technical support within a laboratory/workshop environment for teaching and research purposes.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. To contribute to the care for animals, including cleaning, feeding and provision of water to ensure that animals have high standards of welfare.
2. Operate straightforward BSU equipment/machinery/apparatus for research and teaching purposes in a standardised way.
3. Carry out basic machinery/equipment/apparatus maintenance according to routine instructions.
4. Assist with maintaining general cleanliness and tidiness within BSU, including cleaning and preparation of caging, bedding, and surgical instruments, using an autoclave where appropriate (following appropriate training).
5. Removal and disposal of waste materials according to specified procedures.
6. General movement and transportation of goods and equipment and other manual duties as required, according to detailed instructions.
7. Monitor supplies of stock and inform supervisor when replacements are required.
8. Carry out routine record-keeping including the recording and filing of information and the use of straightforward paper and electronic databases.
9. Comply with basic Health and Safety procedures affecting self and others.
10. Perform other duties which are appropriate to the post as may be reasonably requested by Supervisor.
11. There is a requirement to undertake essential overtime duties on a rota, in order to provide services at weekends and University closure days.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. *Secondary School education (or equivalent).
2. *On the job training and/or work experience (up to 1 year).
3. Reasonable numeracy and literacy skills.
4. Basic knowledge of relevant systems, equipment and processes.
5. Basic knowledge and understanding of regulations and procedures including H&S requirements and protocols.
6. Interest in animal welfare and able to follow instructions.
7. Communication and interpersonal skills, including basic IT.
8. Able to work as part of a team.
9. Ability to meet the physical requirements of the post, following reasonable adjustments if required.
10. Prepared to participate on weekend rota and University closure rotas.
11. There will be an expectation for the post-holder to obtain a Department of Health personal licence (PILA+PILB).
12. A Basic Access NI check will be required prior to appointment.

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. Reasonable numeracy and literacy skills (GCSE level).
4. Previous experience in maintaining a high level of cleanliness in a facility/workplace.
5. Experience working with products to maintain aseptic environments such as alcohol, bleach, anti-viral washes, autoclave and/or UV light sterilization.
6. Previous experience contributing towards care of animals, cleaning and feeding.
7. Knowledge of Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act and EU directives.
8. Prepared to work towards or continue further education to gain relevant qualifications.
9. Committed to a career in laboratory and animal technology.
10. Long-term commitment to careful, high quality work.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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