

Assistant Animal Technician

Department: Office of Research
Position Code: SOR0004
Closing Date: 11/05/2018
Salary: \$16.80

Background

check: Background check may be required

Description: The Department of Animal Research Services (DARS) is a "self-supporting" unit within the Office of Research that purchases, provides space for, and maintains a variety of laboratory animals used in biomedical research and teaching.

The Assistant Animal Technician is to work under supervision in DARS space that houses animals and to provide adequate care including feeding, cleaning and delivery of animals/supplies following all regulations set forth by federal, state and university policies.

Work required weekends and holidays; work occasional overtime and variable hours/day. Flexibility to rotate as needed to all vivarium and other related job functions and to work under different supervisors. Required attendance at animal technician training classes at department's discretion. No smoking, eating or drinking in animal areas.

Incumbent will be responsible for preventing accidents, safety training, and observing safety standards and general safety requirements. Must be familiar with and comply with specific and detailed safety procedures for work environment. Must perform tasks that require the use of personal protective equipment such as safety glasses, safety shoes, protective clothing and gloves, fume hoods, glove boxes, etc.

Must participate in medical monitoring programs including film badges, cholinesterase tests, bioassay tests, etc., Must participate in preventive medical programs, which may include TB screening, tetanus boosters and blood testing, including immunizations, medical surveillance, and physical examinations, to meet federal, state and University requirements.

This position is subject to Medical Surveillance procedures and review in accordance with Federal and State Laws and Regulations and University Policy. Position may at times require the individual to work with or be in areas where hazardous materials and/or infectious diseases are present; specific hazards of the position are but not limited to zoonoses.

Position is contingent on meeting and maintaining the requirements of being certified "Trustworthy and Reliable" as outlined by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Qualifications:

- High School Diploma or equivalent.
- Valid California driver's license.
- Must be able to carry/lift up to 50lbs.
- Ability to learn feeding, caging, and space requirements for all species of laboratory animals.
- Ability to comprehend written orders and agency regulations.
- Ability to learn federal and other licensing agencies' regulations.
- Ability to learn use of small hand tools.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Prior animal handling experience.

- Skill to distinguish between normal and sick animals, normal and abnormal behavior and unthrifty animals.
- Skill to differentiate between cleaning, disinfecting and sterilizing techniques and appropriately utilize learned methods.
- Ability to perform injections and venipunctures.

To Apply: Please complete a UC Merced [application](#) and email along with resume and cover letter to ucmcareers@ucmerced.edu. Please indicate in the subject line of your email the Position Title and Position Number you are applying for. For questions regarding how to apply please email ucmcareers@ucmerced.edu or call 209-228-8247

If you do not have internet access you may mail your application, resume, and cover letter to: University of California, Merced, 5200 North Lake Rd., Merced CA 95343. Please list the job number on the subject line and email to UCMcareers@ucmerced.edu

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age or protected veteran status.

For the complete University of California nondiscrimination and affirmative action policy see: <http://policy.ucop.edu/doc/4000376/NondiscrimAffirmAct>.

As of January 1, 2014 the University of California, Merced will be a smoke and tobacco free workplace. Information and the Smoke and Tobacco Free policy is available at <http://smokefree.ucmerced.edu>

E-Verify: Effective September 8, 2009, all employers who receive Federal contracts and grants are required to comply with E-Verify, an Internet-based system operated by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in partnership with the Social Security Administration (SSA). E-Verify electronically verifies employment eligibility by comparing information provided on the I-9 form to records in the DHS and SSA databases. Certain positions funded by federal contracts/subcontracts requires UC Merced to notify job applicants that an E-Verify check will be conducted and the successful candidate must pass the E-Verify check.

[More Information](#)

For information on the comprehensive benefits package offered by the University of California visit:

<http://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/compensation-and-benefits/>