

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

MD Anderson ~~Cancer~~ Center

Title	Animal Technician
Position Number	00090965
Department	Comparative Medicine
Division	Basic Science
Reports To	Mgr, Sr Animal Resources

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center is to eliminate cancer in Texas, the nation, and the world through outstanding programs that integrate patient care, research and prevention, and through education for undergraduate and graduate students, trainees, professionals, employees and the public.

SUMMARY

The primary purpose of the Animal Technician position is to provide competent technical skills in all areas of animal care in the daily operation of an animal colony within the Department of Comparative Medicine located in Bastrop, Texas. This position will primarily support the Central Services, Clinics, & Surgery and SPF Baboon Nursery areas and may assist in other animal areas as needed. Works weekends and holidays on a scheduled, rotating basis; may work overtime as authorized by the Manager. This position may be subject to working in biocontainment areas requiring compliance with specific protocols

JOB SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES

Animal Husbandry and Facility Maintenance

Performs daily husbandry and disposal of waste materials.
Operates cage sanitation equipment.
May assist checking locks of other care staff.
Prepares and distributes daily diet/enrichment.
May provide basic husbandry training to staff.
Participates in positive reinforcement training for maintenance of trained behaviors.
Transports animals which may require specialized training or handling techniques.
Inspects lixit valves and water lines daily to ensure proper function.
Inspects assigned animal areas and maintain rooms, buildings, facilities, and equipment (including enrichment). Reports issues to Supervisor or Team Leader.
Performs microbiologic monitoring (cage surface samples, water testing, water analysis, and sterilization QA/QC).
May assist in shipment preparation procedures.
Performs basic housekeeping and restocks supplies.
Conducts inventory and reports supply needs.

Animal Healthcare and Technical Support

Assists in a variety of technical procedures relating to animal health to include: gross biologics sample collection, transport samples, weaning, tattooing, wound treatment, nail trimming, checking vitals, and physical exams. Assists in screening animals for gross evidence of infectious and parasitic diseases.
Assists Veterinarians, Supervisors, or Technologist in restraining, administering medications, and injections.
Conducts animal health and behavioral observations. Reports changes in animal behavior and appearance to Supervisor. May assist with conducting routine observations for clinical cases.
Provides care for special needs animals (including infants).
Assists with projects involving special handling techniques which may require protocol specific personal protective equipment.
Assembles and sterilizes surgical instruments and packs.
Assists in research protocols including GLP protocols.

Administrative and Compliance

Adheres to PPE requirements. Works safely in close proximity to animals.
Ensures appropriate animal access to shelter, food, water and distance from other groups.
Ensures proper cage and building lock procedures are followed.
Responsible for animal identification as required by area.
May need to respond in emergency situations.
Participates in SOP training and consistently follows SOPs and departmental policies.
Responsible for adhering to AAALAC and IACUC standards and USDA/AWA regulations.
Provides timely and accurate documentation and recordkeeping of husbandry and healthcare data (including GLP).
May require proficiency in the use of electronic health records and database applications.

Other duties as assigned.

REQUIREMENTS

Education: High school diploma or equivalent.

Preferred Education: 2 Year College Degree.

Certification: None.

Preferred Certification: Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician (ALAT) from the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS).

Experience: Two years of animal care experience in an animal hospital/clinic, research facility or related field. With either preferred degree, no experience required.

Preferred Experience: Experience gained in a university research setting.

WORKING CONDITIONS

	Frequency
Deadlines	--
Electrical	Frequent 34-66%
Exposure to animals	Constant 67-100%
Exposure to blood, bodily fluids, and/or tissue	Frequent 34-66%
Exposure to Radiation	Seldom 3-10%
Extreme Hot/Cold	Frequent 34-66%
Hazardous Chemicals and Materials	Frequent 34-66%
Humid/Dry	Frequent 34-66%
Lighting	Frequent 34-66%
Noise	Constant 67-100%
Operating Equipment	Frequent 34-66%
Outside Work	Frequent 34-66%
Physical Proximity	Frequent 34-66%
Sedentary Environment	Seldom 3-10%
Wearing Protective Equipment	Constant 67-100%
Wet Conditions	Frequent 34-66%
Working At Heights	Occasionally 11-33%
Working on uneven/slippery surface	Frequent 34-66%

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

	Frequency	Weight
Arm/Hand Steadiness	Frequent 34-66%	--
Balancing	Frequent 34-66%	--
Bending/Stooping	Frequent 34-66%	--
Carrying	Frequent 34-66%	20-50 lbs
Climbing	Frequent 34-66%	--
Crawling	Occasionally 11-33%	--
Depth Perception	Frequent 34-66%	--
Driving	Occasionally 11-33%	--
Dynamic Flexibility	Occasionally 11-33%	--
Eye/Hand Coordination	Frequent 34-66%	--
Fine finger movement	Frequent 34-66%	--
Foot Action	Frequent 34-66%	--
Glare Sensitivity	Frequent 34-66%	--
Handling	Frequent 34-66%	--
Hearing Sensitivity	Frequent 34-66%	--
Keyboarding	Occasionally 11-33%	--
Kneeling	Occasionally 11-33%	--
Lifting	Frequent 34-66%	20-50 lbs
Neck Movements	Frequent 34-66%	--
Night Vision	Frequent 34-66%	--
Olfactory Perception	Frequent 34-66%	--
Pushing/Pulling	Frequent 34-66%	50+ lbs
Reaching	Frequent 34-66%	--
Sitting	Occasionally 11-33%	--
Standing	Constant 67-100%	--
Tactile Perception	Frequent 34-66%	--
Twisting	Occasionally 11-33%	--
Visual Acuity	Frequent 34-66%	--
Visual Color Discrimination	Frequent 34-66%	--
Walking	Constant 67-100%	--
Wrist Motion	Frequent 34-66%	--
Squatting	Occasionally 11-33%	--

COGNITIVE DEMANDS

Analytical Ability
Appropriate Behavior
Attention to detail
Comprehending
Creativity
Critical Thinking
Following Instructions
Giving and Receiving Constructive Feedback
Interpersonal Skills
Mathematical Skills/Reasoning
Memorizing/Remembering
Multitasking
Oral Communication
Organizing
Problem Solving
Reading Skills/Comprehension
Responding in emergency situations
Selective Attention
Working Alone
Written Communication

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Requisition ID: 147822
- Employment Status: Full-Time
- Employee Status: Regular
- FLSA: non-exempt, eligible for overtime, and is subject to the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)
- Work Week: Days, Weekends
- Work Location: Onsite; Bastrop, Texas
- Minimum Salary: US Dollar (USD) 31,200
- Midpoint Salary: US Dollar (USD) 37,200
- Maximum Salary : US Dollar (USD) 43,200

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