

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
**MD Anderson**  
**Cancer Center**

Title	Animal Attendant (Two positions)
Department	Comparative Medicine
Division	Basic Science
Reports To	Supv, 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 Attendant position is to provide for the care of animals and the associated facilities within the Department of Comparative Medicine. This position will primarily support the Rhesus and Baboon area(s) 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 Supervisor. 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.

Prepares and distributes daily diet/enrichment.

May assist in transporting 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 basic housekeeping and restocks supplies.

#### **Animal Healthcare**

Conducts animal health and behavioral observations. Reports changes in animal behavior and appearance to Supervisor.

May assist with infant care.

### **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).

*Other duties as assigned.*

### **REQUIREMENTS**

**Education:** High school diploma or equivalent.

**Preferred Certification:** American Association of Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician certification.

**Preferred Experience:** Some experience working with animals.

**Onsite Presence: Is Required.**

### **Additional Information**

- Requisition ID: 151058 and 150594
- 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, Rotating, Weekends
- Work Location: Onsite
- 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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