

TITLE: <u>Vivarium Technician</u>	SALARY SCHEDULE: <u>Staff</u>	CLASS CODE: <u>SA527</u>
UNION: <u>Staff Association - Local 2071, U.A.W.</u>	SALARY GRADE: <u>2</u>	EEO CODE: <u>50</u>
	FLSA: <u>Non-Exempt</u>	E- CLASS: <u>SA</u>

POSITION PURPOSE

Perform a variety of responsible and routine manual tasks for the care and maintenance of laboratory animals within an animal care facility at the University.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

- Perform routine animal husbandry activities in accordance with the National Institute of Health (NIH) the American Association of Accreditation of laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC) and established research protocols. Provide and maintain housing and food for all vivarium laboratory animal species. Observe, monitor and report health status of laboratory animals.
- Clean and disinfect cages and pens by operating appropriate cage washing equipment. Sanitize related equipment, e.g. bottles, pans, pails, etc. Sweep, mop and buff floors. Provide fresh bedding materials to animal cages, pens and pans.
- Receive animals, feed, bedding and supplies. Identify animals, initiate and maintain applicable charts and records; cage animals. Catch and restrain animals when necessary.
- Assist clinical veterinarians and research investigators in animal health care. Perform diagnostic procedures as requested by research personnel. Monitor post-operative status of laboratory animal, evaluate animal condition and report any health problem or related emergency situation to appropriate supervisor, clinical veterinarian or research personnel. Maintain medical charts and records. Dispose of deceased animal remains in accordance with AAALAC and state and federal guidelines.
- Attend departmental staff meetings. Participate in continuing education and employee training programs. May serve on animal protocol committee.
- Perform related work as assigned.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

This classification level is designed to perform standardized work routines specific course instruction or some on-the-job training. Work activities involve thinking within detailed standard practices and instructions with assistance and/or review from a designated supervisor. This classification necessitates some knowledge, training and experience in laboratory animal health care and husbandry. Work activities are performed given the following working condition factors; i.e. moderate physical effort (transport and place medium weight animal species and materials), unfavorable environmental conditions (exposure to varied temperatures, dust, etc.), moderate controllable hazards (various animal species) and normal sensory attention. This classification generally located in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the School of Medicine. This classification reports to and receives work direction from either a clinical veterinarian, research investigator and/or management level position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- High school graduate or an equivalent combination of education and/or experience.
- Graduation from or presently enrolled in an accredited Animal Health Technician training program.
- Some knowledge and experience in an accredited animal care facility preferred.
- State recognition as a licensed Animal Technician preferred.
- Some knowledge of National Institute of Health (NIH), American Association of Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) standards and guidelines preferred.
- Ability to unload, transport and place medium weight animal species, food and bedding bags in appropriate location.
- Typically, incumbents have worked at a veterinary practice or a laboratory research facility.