



Animal Research Technician

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Science & Technology
Laboratory & Technical Services

Duties and Responsibilities

vivoPharm is a contract research organization (CRO) supporting the preclinical research needs of the biotechnology/pharmaceutical sectors, world-wide.

It offers an extensive portfolio of contract services for preclinical drug development and clinical support including efficacy testing, safety and toxicology of new therapeutic drugs and bioanalytical services with operations in Australia, North America and Europe.

An opportunity exists for a skilled and experienced Animal Research Assistant to join our in vivo toxicology team in South Australia.

The successful applicant will be an independent, efficient, and self-motivated individual capable of working to time-sensitive deadlines while maintaining industry standards in accordance with Good Laboratory Practice (GLP), international regulatory guidelines, and vivoPharm's quality system.

Duties and Responsibilities

The Animal Technician role is primarily responsible for the daily care of animals in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Duties include experimental work (in vivo), data acquisition in accordance to established procedures, maintaining equipment and animal housing areas according to standard operating procedures (SOPs) and in compliance with regulatory requirements (Australian Code of Practice), documenting activities and maintaining records such as animal health surveillance, feed logs, temperature/humidity charts, animal receipt, and disposition logs.

Specific duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Monitor and ensure availability of animal care supplies, food, bedding, chemical supplies, and equipment.
- Maintain animal rooms, equipment, and facility in a clean and organized manner.
- Comply with applicable regulations, policies, and standards for the humane care and use of laboratory animals.
- Recognize and report animal health and welfare conditions that are at variance from normal.
- Identify and report signs of animal illness, injury, and other abnormalities to appropriate personnel.
- Handle animals and perform procedures including injections (s.c., i.p., i.v.) blood collection, necropsy, organ and sample collection and tumor inoculation.
- Perform treatments and assist scientific staff as instructed.
- Maintain accurate and legible documentation and records as needed (mainly electronic).
- Good time management
- Ability to solve problems as they arise.
- Rotate with co-workers to coordinate routine team tasks over a 7-day week.
- Participate in writing and updating pertinent SOPs.
- Assist with training of co-workers to perform tasks according to SOPs.
- Participate in on-the-job training required to develop new skills, learn new techniques, and implement new policies.
- Perform other duties and responsibilities as assigned.

Experience and Qualifications

- To be successful in the role, you should have a Diploma in Animal Technology or equivalent with 2 years experience or an university degree.
- Extensive experience with rodent handling.
- Experience working in contract research, maintaining records in compliance with GLP, and infectious disease models would be an advantage.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Ability to follow oral and written instructions.
- Demonstrated high level oral and written communication skills.
- Possess the technical knowledge and expertise relevant to the position.
- Collaborate with staff to maintain and develop procedures and guidelines, including providing advice and support to management.
- Commitment to professional learning and growth for both self and others.
- Clear understanding and knowledge of animal research and the methods, materials, equipment, and monitoring programs used in animal care activities.
- Ability to follow departmental policies and SOPs in a reliable and safe manner.
- Basic proficiency with digital technology, including Microsoft Office and iPhone or equivalent.
- Enthusiasm for working in a team-based culture.

- Respect and compassion for animals and others.
- Enjoy working as part of a close team.
- Familiar with the Australian Code for care and use of animals for scientific purposes
- Experience with Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS) or other similar databases.

Working Conditions/Physical Demands

This position requires full mobility. This role may be exposed to dust, dirt, odors, laboratory animals, animal excreta, and warm and humid surroundings; Protective equipment including uniforms, close-toe shoes, masks, aprons, gloves and head covers are provided and required for specific activities.

The job involves the ability to wear personal protective equipment as required; includes protective clothing, protective glasses, safety shoes and gloves daily, face masks as required, push and pull heavy objects and ability to safely move and or lift heavy loads as per OH&S requirements.

Additional Information

- Vaccinations may be required to meet the expectations of this role.
- Tasks to be undertaken are of a physical and could be of repetitive nature.
- Participation in a weekend and public holiday roster may be required.
- This position is not suitable for individuals with existing allergic conditions.
- Able to walk or stand for up to an entire eight-hour shift, excluding scheduled breaks. Able to perform repetitive motions over extended periods of time.
- Able to perform in a workplace environment with exposure to animals, animal dander, animal by-products, and bedding materials for prolonged periods of time.

This position is a permanent full-time position.

Applications, which do not address the selection criteria may not be considered for the position.

Please note: The successful applicant must have rights to live and work in Australia

Remuneration is subject on qualifications and experience.

The position will be based at vivoPharm's operation in Gilles Plains, South Australia.

Company

- Australian company with domestic and international operations.

Benefits

- Attractive basic salary.
- Performance depending annual salary review.
- Potential for individual growth and development as company expands

General enquiries can be directed to Lynne Clapham
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Applications should address the key selection criteria. Apply online or send cv with
cover letter to hr@vivopharm.com
No Recruitment Agencies please
Note: Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted
You must have the right to live and work in this location to apply for this job.