

**Position Title:** Cage Wash Attendant  
**Status:** Miscellaneous Wage Employee

**Date Prepared:** 07/12/2023

**Hourly Pay:** \$13.50/hour

**Hours:** 24 hours/week (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Mondays through Thursdays)

**Department:** Office of Laboratory Animal Medicine

**Location:** Newark

**Deadline:** Open until filled.

### **Context of Job:**

The Cage Wash Attendant performs routine duties associated with husbandry equipment sanitation and preparation for reuse in a biomedical research setting, including cage maintenance, monitoring equipment for proper functioning, and maintaining sanitary conditions.

### **Major Responsibilities:**

- Works in the cage wash area to operate tunnel washers and rack washers.
- Perform routine cleaning, descaling, and preventative maintenance on the cage washers and autoclaves, including checking and cleaning filters and spray manifolds.
- Conducts cleaning activities by dumping soiled bedding to remove waste.
- Keeps clean and dirty equipment/supplies separated.
- Maintains records and quality control information.
- Understands and follows appropriate SOPs, safety procedures, and quality assurance guidelines.
- Operates and maintains water bottle filling devices.
- Maintains the cage wash area in a clean and orderly condition at the end of each shift.
- Uses brooms, mops, scrapers, brushes, scrubbing machines, hand trucks, power sprayers, and other accessory sanitary equipment.
- Performs sanitation and cleaning throughout the animal facility as required.
- Receives/handles feed and bedding deliveries.
- Carries out other services and support activities in the facility as needed under the direction of supervisor.

### **Qualifications:**

- High school diploma/GED required.
- Ability to read, write, and comprehend English.

- Ability to follow both written and verbal instructions.
- Ability to explain problems/issues/solutions.
- Must be service oriented and able to work as a team member.
- Able to repetitively lift 50 lbs.
- Ability to stand for long periods of time.
- Ability to work overtime as required.
- Must be able to push/pull cars on weight-bearing wheels weighing approximately 200 pounds.
- Must be able to tolerate a significant amount of standing, bending, stretching, and walking.
- Must not be allergic to animals, latex, waste products, or bedding.

**How to Apply:**

Please submit a one-page cover letter, your resume, and the contact information of at least three references via email to Julie Hoffman at [pugsley@udel.edu](mailto:pugsley@udel.edu).

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