

Animal Research Support Specialist I

Full Time – Philadelphia, PA

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Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) offers countless ways to change lives. Our diverse community of more than 20,000 Breakthrough Makers will inspire you to pursue passions, develop expertise, and drive innovation.

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CHOP's Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

CHOP is committed to building an inclusive culture where employees feel a sense of belonging, connection, and community within their workplace. We are a team dedicated to fostering an environment that allows for all to be their authentic selves. We are focused on attracting, cultivating, and retaining diverse talent who can help us deliver on our mission to be a world leader in the advancement of healthcare for children. We strongly encourage all candidates of diverse backgrounds and lived experiences to apply.

A Brief Overview

Under the direction of the Animal Research Support Specialist Supervisor, the primary responsibility of the Animal Research Support Specialist I is to provide veterinary support for scientific protocols involving rodents and large animal species. Duties also include observing animals and reporting abnormalities, sickness and injury. May assist in diagnostic and preventative procedures or treatment of animals. May assist in colony management. Maintains medical records and inventory. May assist in capture or restraint of animals. Performs related responsibilities as required.

What you will do

- Research Support
- Advise investigators and program staff regarding procedural issues
- Ensure necessary resources, supplies, animals and rooms are available for studies
- Collect and record experimental data for procedures
- Observe animals and report abnormalities, sickness, and injury
- Maintains departmental medical records and inventory

- Assist in diagnostic and preventive procedures or treatment of animals
- Quality Assurance
- Oversee the coordination of animal procurement and receiving to ensure receipt of only disease free animals
- Conduct necropsies and collect biological samples for diagnostics to include parasitology, bacteriology, serology and histopathology
- Ensure compliance with IACUC protocols
- Training
- Interpret relevant policies and procedures for incoming investigators and staff
- Conduct training of research technicians, faculty, and Department of Veterinary Resources staff regarding utilization of research animals, as needed
- General Administrative
- Participate in development and implementation of policies and procedures to ensure accreditation and compliance with federal laws
- Maintain detailed animal health and diagnostic test records
- Maintain records in accordance with relevant agency guidelines to include the state of Pennsylvania, Public Health Service, the USDA, and AAALAC.
- Other duties as assigned

Education Qualifications

- High School Diploma / GED Required
- Associate's Degree Veterinary Technology Preferred

Experience Qualifications

- At least six (6) months veterinary technician experience Required
- At least three (3) years veterinary technician experience Preferred
- anesthesia and surgical support Preferred
- laboratory animal environment Preferred
- animal care technician Preferred

Skills and Abilities

- Excellent verbal, written, and communication skills
- Ability to achieve project objectives on multiple, complex projects running simultaneously
- Knowledge of regulatory and compliance requirements related to animal care/use in research

Licenses and Certifications

- Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician (ALAT) - American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) - upon hire - Preferred or

- Licensed Veterinary Technician (LVT) - Pennsylvania State Licensing Board - upon hire - Preferred or
- Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) - American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) - upon hire - Preferred

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CHOP also requires employees who work in patient care buildings to receive an annual influenza vaccine. Employees may request exemptions for valid religious and medical reasons. Start dates may be delayed until candidates are immunized or exemption requests are reviewed.

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