

Animal Technician

College/Division	Research Division/Research Infrastructure
School/Section	Animal Services
Location	Cambridge
Classification	HEO 3
Reporting line	Reports to Team Leader, Animal Services

Position Summary

The University of Tasmania is building a vision of a place-based University with a mission to enhance the intellectual, economic, social, and cultural future of Tasmania, and from Tasmania, contribute to the world in areas of distinctive advantage. The University recognises that achieving this vision is dependent on the people we employ as well as creating a people-centred University that is values-based, relational, diverse, and development-focused.

We are seeking to appoint an animal technician in Animal Services which is part of Research Infrastructure, Research Division <https://www.utas.edu.au/research-admin>

The University of Tasmania's Department of Animal Services provides professional technical services for laboratory animal care in addition to research project support for faculty, students and employees of the University of Tasmania.

In keeping with the University of Tasmania's policy on Animal Care and Welfare, Animal Services is committed to ensuring high standards of humane animal care and use, necessary to the pursuit and achievement of scientific excellence.

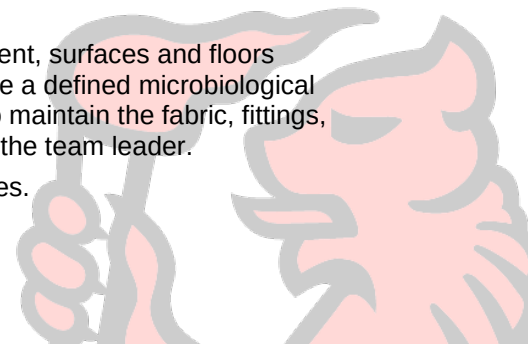
Working within a team of experienced technicians, the incumbent will be responsible for providing animal care and welfare deployed in a range of services that the department of Animal Services provides to clients within various biomedical research departments throughout the University.

The incumbent will be a competent animal technician, and may have limited experience developed either within a biomedical or other laboratory animal environment. Working within a team of experienced technicians, the incumbent will be responsible for the care and welfare of rodent colonies complying with the guidelines of the Australian code of practice for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes 8th edition (2013) and maintaining a culture of care in all aspects of their work and ensuring the provision of a high-quality service to users within a scientific environment where high standards of animal care and welfare are expected.

We are an inclusive workplace committed to 'working from the strength that diversity brings' reflected in our Statement of Values. We are dedicated to attracting, retaining and developing our people and are committed to inclusive principles. We celebrate the range of diverse assets that gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, age and life course bring. Applications are encouraged from all sectors of the community. Tell us how we can make this job work for you.

What You'll Do

- Daily monitoring related to the care, health, and welfare of laboratory rodents.
- Routine husbandry tasks including handling, cleaning, feeding, and watering of laboratory rodents.
- Recording and maintaining accurate data pertaining to colony management and facility operations.
- Adhering to the requirements of research and animal ethics projects, timelines, and standard operating procedures
- General cleaning and maintenance of animal facility including equipment, surfaces and floors maintaining a high standard of hygiene control within the unit to ensure a defined microbiological status is maintained such that animal health is not compromised. Also maintain the fabric, fittings, equipment and instrumentation in good order, reporting any issues to the team leader.
- Ensuring Work Health and Safety requirements are followed at all times.



What We're Looking For (success criteria)

- Relevant experience working in a laboratory rodent PC1/PC2 facility, with a knowledge of the NHMRC Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes 8th edition (2013) and accompanying guidance notes, recommendations, and codes of practice.
- Demonstrated ability to follow established methodologies and techniques with a high level of attention to detail and the proven capacity to maintain accurate records.
- Demonstrated ability to work individually and as part of a team, with excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Able to demonstrate an understanding and application of rodent husbandry skills with critical attention to detail.
- Possession of a caring attitude and genuine interest in working with rodents.

Other position requirements

- Working with experimental animals, including euthanising
- Laboratory and workshop activities and handling hazardous substances
- Undertaking manual handling and lifting <10kg
- Willingness to undertake a medical assessment based on meeting the inherent position requirements.
- The incumbent must also be flexible regarding work arrangements including out of hours, weekends and public holidays.

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The University of Tasmania is an institution with an enduring commitment to our state and community, and a strong global outlook. We are committed to enhancing the intellectual, economic, social and cultural future of Tasmania. Our strategy reflects the University community's voice that our University must be place based but globally connected as well as regionally networked and designed to deliver quality access to higher education for the whole State.

We believe that from our unique position here in Tasmania we can impact the world through the contributions of our staff, students and graduates. We recognise that achieving this vision is dependent on the people we employ, as well as creating a university that is values-based, relational, diverse, and development-focused.

More information:

<https://www.utas.edu.au/jobs>

<https://www.utas.edu.au/careers/our-people-values-and-behaviours>

The intention of this position description is to highlight the most important aspects, rather than to limit the scope or accountabilities of this role. Duties above may be altered in accordance with the changing requirements of the position.

