



# Senior Animal Laboratory Technician

## Job Description

### JOB INFORMATION

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| Job Code:         | 185711   |
| Job Title:        | Senior Animal Laboratory Technician                  |
| FLSA Status:      | Non-Exempt   |
| Supervisory:      | Leads one or more employees performing similar work. |
| Job Family:       | Animal Resource                                      |
| Job Family Group: | Research and Clinical Support                        |
| Management Level: | 7 Individual Contributor                             |

### JOB SUMMARY

Under direct and indirect supervision, provides routine and technical care to animals for experimental use. Distributes food and water to animals, cleans and maintains cages and equipment, and documents activities as required by regulations. Assists senior staff with handling animals during procedures.

### JOB QUALIFICATIONS:

#### Education

| Req | Pref | Degree                    | Field of Study |
|-----|------|---------------------------|----------------|
| X   |      | High school or equivalent |                |
|     | X    | Associate's degree        |                |

#### Additional Education

Check here if experience may substitute for some of the above education.

Combined experience/education as substitute for minimum education

#### Work Experience

| Req | Pref | Work Experience | Experience Level |
|-----|------|-----------------|------------------|
| X   |      | 2 years         |                  |
|     | X    | 3 years         |                  |

#### Additional Work Experience

Check here if education may substitute for some of the above work experience.

Combined experience/education as substitute for minimum work experience

#### Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

| Req | Pref | Functional Skills   |
|-----|------|---|
| X   |      | Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician certification by the American Association of Laboratory Science.                         |
|     | X    | Laboratory Animal Technician or Laboratory Animal Technologist certification by the American Association of Laboratory Science. |

#### Other Job Factors

## JOB ACCOUNTABILITIES

|  | <i>% Time</i> | <i>Essential</i> | <i>Marginal</i> | <i>N/A</i> |
|--|---------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Distributes food and water to animals, cleans and maintains cages and equipment, and documents activities as required by regulations. Ensures that animals are provided care in accordance with state and federal regulations to promote physical and psychological well-being and minimize discomfort.  |               |                  |                 |            |
| Evaluates animals for health and welfare daily. Communicates animal health or welfare problems to veterinary staff and the Principal Investigator. May assist supervisors and veterinary staff members in developing quarantine or treatment plans in cases of disease outbreak. Provides humane euthanasia to animals as needed to minimize pain and distress and for colony maintenance, according to established protocols.   |               |                  |                 |            |
| Assists senior staff with handling animals during procedures. Manages a complete vivarium area as assigned. Assists with the overall quality assurance program for animal care and facilities management. Provides leadership, guidance and training to other employees performing similar work within unit, as assigned. Assists supervisors in scheduling, assigning and prioritizing workloads and setting appropriate deadlines. Assists in monitoring employee performance on day-to-day basis. |               |                  |                 |            |
| Performs routine cleaning of animal cages and associated animal care equipment. Maintains cleanliness and organization of cages, equipment, and facilities. Provides environmental enrichment to animals, including exercise of larger animals as needed. Assists supervisors and veterinarians in developing, evaluating, and implementing enrichment plans for each species.   |               |                  |                 |            |
| Maintains animal records and records of facility cleaning and sanitation procedures, facility environmental conditions, and use and maintenance of equipment. Ensures records are available to regulatory authorities. Maintains inventory of storeroom supplies. Promotes an environment that fosters inclusive relationships and creates unbiased opportunities for contributions through ideas, words, and actions that uphold principles of the USC Code of Ethics.                              |               |                  |                 |            |

## Other Requirements

| <i>Essential:</i>  | <i>Emergency Response/Recovery</i>   | <i>Essential:</i> | <i>Mandated Reporter</i>  |
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| Yes  | In the event of an emergency, the employee holding this position is required to “report to duty” in accordance with the university’s Emergency Operations Plan and/or the employee’s department’s emergency response and/or recovery plans. Familiarity with those plans and regular training to implement those plans is required. During or immediately following an emergency, the employee will be notified to assist in the emergency response efforts, and mobilize other staff members if needed. |                   | A mandated reporter who in his or her professional capacity has knowledge of, or reasonably suspects a person who is under the age of 18 years, elderly, or a dependent adult has been the victim of abuse or neglect must report the suspected incident. The reporter must contact a designated agency immediately or as soon as practically possible by telephone or in writing within 36 hours. By virtue of the associated job duties, this position qualifies as a mandated reporter as required by state law and USC’s policy at: <a href="https://policy.usc.edu/mandated-reporters/">https://policy.usc.edu/mandated-reporters/</a> |
| <i>Campus Security Authority (CSA)</i>   |  |                   | <i>Essential:</i>   |
| By virtue of the associated job duties, this position qualifies as a Campus Security Authority as required by law and USC’s policy at: <a href="https://dps.usc.edu/alerts/clery/">https://dps.usc.edu/alerts/clery/</a> |  |                   | No  |

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The above statements reflect the essential and non-essential functions as necessary to describe the principle contents of the job. They are not intended to be a complete statement of all work requirements or duties that may be required of the position. I understand that I may be asked to perform other duties as assigned. USC reserves the right to add or change duties at any time.

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I acknowledge receipt of this job description and its associated physical requirements. I have read and understand the job description and job requirements and agree to abide by their contents. I realize that duties may be requested of me that are not specifically stated herein. I understand that I will be expected to adjust to potential fluctuations in work volume. I

understand that, if I have any questions about the essential functions or expectations of my position, my supervisor and/or HR partner are available to discuss them with me.

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Print Employee Name

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Manager Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This job description describes the general nature and level of work required by the position. It is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of qualifications, skills, duties, responsibilities or working conditions of the job. The job description is subject to change with or without notice, and Management reserves the right to add, modify or remove any qualification or duty. Nothing in this job description changes the existing at-will employment relationship between the university and the employee occupying the position.