

Technical Officer

College/Division	College of Sciences and Engineering
School/Section	Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture – Livestock Production Centre
Location	Burnie
Classification	HEO 5
Reporting line	Research Project Leader – Animal Production and Welfare Cluster

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 culture 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 a Technical Officer in the [Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture](#) which is part of [The College of Sciences and Engineering](#).

This position will form part of a multi-disciplinary team in TIA's Animal Production and Welfare Cluster, part of TIA Livestock Production Centre, providing support to RD&E staff through undertaking research and extension activities focusing on duties associated with pasture and animal research.

The position is based at the Cradle Coast Campus but also covers the Tasmanian Dairy Research Facility at Elliott and field sites around Tasmania. Tasks are performed under the general direction of supervisors and within the framework of project guidelines.

The incumbent is expected to have good organisational skills and often will be required to work independently with limited or no direct supervision as well as in a team, and initiative will be required to resolve problems that arise during trial work, and ensure the co-ordination and liaison with others to achieve project objectives, and occasionally supervise casual staff and students.

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

- The position will assist with R&D projects, including but not limited to, assisting with the setup and maintenance of field, greenhouse and animal studies (mainly dairy cattle), sampling and recording of experimental work, preparation of samples for laboratory analysis and data entry, and using, maintaining and preparing research and field equipment.
- The incumbent is expected to ensure safe work procedures are adhered to, and occasionally instruct and supervise casual staff and students in correct and safe use of research and field equipment, and in correctly following research project protocols and procedures.
- Undertake other duties as assigned by the supervisor.



What We're Looking For (success criteria)

- Completion of an advanced diploma qualification and subsequent relevant work experience OR a combination of relevant experience and education/training.
- Ability to competently undertake the practical activities associated with the establishment and maintenance of, as well as collection and collation of data from, field, glasshouse and animal experiments, with particular emphasis on attention to detail.
- Demonstrated organisational skills and a capacity to act independently within established guidelines, resolving arising issues using sound judgement and initiative.
- Demonstrated capacity of participating effectively in a team environment.
- Demonstrated ability to work as an effective team member using clear, concise and respectful communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to adhere to OH&S guidelines.
- Experience in operating farm equipment such as side-by-side and tractors.
- Experience in handling livestock (dairy cattle).
- Current 'C' class driver's licence or manual vehicle licence

Other position requirements

- Regular travel between campus and field sites
- Visiting and working in the field in remote locations
- Laboratory and workshop activities and handling hazardous substances
- Undertaking manual handling and lifting >10kg

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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 [Strategic Direction](#) strongly 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.

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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.

