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| **Position Title** | Technician (Animal Facility) |
| **Classification** | Level 3 |
| **School/Division** | Research Infrastructure Centres |
| **Centre/Section** | Animal Care Services |
| **Supervisor Title** | Senior Technician or Coordinator |
| **Supervisor Position Number** | FSR 101459, 101369, 105969, 318536, 313613 |
| **Position Number** | FSR 318539, 318595, 318596, 318597, 318598, 318599, 318600 |

**Your work area**

Animal Care Services (ACS) is responsible for ensuring that all laboratory animals used in research and teaching at the University are housed and cared for to standards of best practice and in compliance with all legal and statutory requirements.

**Reporting structure**

Reports to: Senior Technician or Coordinator

**Your role**

As the appointee you will, under direction, provide care and maintenance of laboratory animals, including husbandry procedures, cleaning, hygiene, feeding and watering of animals. You will work in the containment facilities to provide a high standard of animal husbandry in a busy research environment.

**Your key responsibilities**

Maintain accurate agistment, breeding, procedural and health records as required by the Animal Ethics Committee and Animal Care Services Standard Operating Procedures

Maintain a range of laboratory animals

Attend general room cleaning, hygiene, feeding and watering of animals as directed

Ensure all care, management practices and research procedures are performed according to the Animal Care Services Standard Operating Procedures and Animal Ethics Committee requirements

Organise and maintain supplies of animals and consumables to meet research and teaching requirements including daily husbandry, breeding and technical procedures

Sanitise, organise and maintain supplies of consumables, animal cages and equipment by operating cage washers and autoclaves as required

Monitor and ensure sterilisation validation processes comply, prior to entry of equipment, feed, bedding and consumables into the facility, and prior to exit of equipment and waste from the facility

Ensure waste materials are properly packaged for disposal

Assist researchers and other ACS staff in minor experimental procedures

Other duties as directed

**Your specific work capabilities (selection criteria)**

Year 12 or demonstrated equivalent competency

Certificate in Animal Technology or equivalent

Relevant experience in an animal facility relating to the care and use of laboratory animals

Experience with the post-operative care of animals

Good written and verbal communication skills including a cooperative team building approach to the facility staff, research personnel and students

Good organisational skills and ability to meet deadlines

Proficiency in a range of computing skills including word processing, spreadsheets, databases, internet and email

Knowledge of safety issues relating to the use of laboratory equipment and chemicals

Ability to work independently and work productively as part of a team A demonstrated skill in biohazard handling procedures

Knowledge of the Australian Code for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes

**Special requirements (selection criteria)**

Some after-hours work may be required

Current “C” class driver’s licence

Current National Police Clearance Certificate

Able to fit the physical requirements of the position

Vaccinations as required Tetanus, Hepatitis B, COVID, Influenza and Q Fever vaccination is recommended

**Compliance**

Ensure you are aware of and comply with legislation and University policy relevant to the duties undertaken, including:

The University’s Code of Conduct [hr.uwa.edu.au/policies/policies/conduct/code/conduct](https://www.hr.uwa.edu.au/policies/policies/conduct/code/conduct)

Inclusion and Diversity [web.uwa.edu.au/inclusion-diversity](https://www.web.uwa.edu.au/inclusion-diversity)

Safety, health and wellbeing [safety.uwa.edu.au/](https://www.safety.uwa.edu.au/)