

Position Title: Clinical Lab Specialist I

Department: Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory

Position Type: Full-time Staff

Job ID: 51127

Job Description:

The [College of Veterinary Medicine](#) at MU is on a mission to inclusively educate and train outstanding clinicians and scientists from diverse backgrounds, generate new knowledge, engage stakeholders, and foster economic growth, all of which promote and protect the health and welfare of animals and people. Simply put, our mission is to Teach, Heal, Discover, and Serve.

The [Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory](#) is a full-service laboratory accredited by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians and member of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN). It provides in-depth laboratory diagnostic support to veterinary practitioners, livestock and poultry industry interests, companion animal interests, wildlife conservationists, scientists utilizing animals in their research throughout the university, state and regulatory officials, and clinicians of the MU Veterinary Health Center. The laboratory handles more than 200,000 specimens a year and serves Missouri's 114 counties and surrounding states by performing over 170,000 diagnostic tests annually. The VMDL also conducts fundamental and applied research to address animal health and public health issues.

The Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (VMDL) is seeking to hire a **Clinical Lab Specialist I to work in the Molecular Diagnostic Section (PCR)**.

Representative Duties Include:

- Record, process, and perform RNA and DNA extractions on a variety of veterinary clinical specimens using standard laboratory protocols, followed by both conventional and real-time PCR.
- Perform analyses of test performance and maintain quality control of all assays.
- Enter test results into the clinical laboratory information system and maintain records of performed tests.
- Complete assigned projects within a timely manner and maintain turnaround time for diagnostic duties.
- Communicate with diagnostic laboratory clients as needed.
- Set up, operate and/or supervise maintenance of standard or specialized apparatus or laboratory equipment.
- Strictly adhere to laboratory standard operating procedures and participate in quality assurance and quality control activities.

Shift:

Full-time 40 hours/week.

Minimum Qualifications:

A bachelor's degree or an equivalent combination of education and relevant experience and at least 1 year of experience from which comparable knowledge and skills can be acquired is necessary.

Preferred Qualifications:

Bachelor of Science degree in Biology or other Lab Sciences. Six months to one year of professional, directly related experience is necessary.

Anticipated Hiring Range:

Salary Range \$17.00 - \$21.50 per hour, salary commensurate with education and experience

Grade: GGS-007

University Title: Research Specialist I

Internal applicants can determine their University title by accessing the Talent Profile tile in myHR.

Application Materials:

Online application, resume and list of three references.

Community Information:

Columbia offers small-town friendliness with big city features and a high quality of life for people of all ages and interests. Founded on education and known as an ideal college town, its location also makes it an attractive spot for businesses and travelers. Located on Interstate 70 and U.S. Highway 63, Columbia is right in the middle of the state and the nation. Just a couple hours' drive from St. Louis and Kansas City, Columbia is Boone County's largest population center offering big-city culture, activities, and resources with a low cost of living. Columbia is home to a variety of restaurants and entertainment venues and hosts more than a dozen cultural festivals each year. If you want to grow your career, continue your education, raise a family, and retire, Columbia is a good place to be!

Benefit Eligibility:

This position is eligible for University benefits. The University offers a comprehensive benefits package, including medical, dental and vision plans, retirement, paid time off, and educational fee discounts. For additional information on University benefits, please visit the Faculty & Staff Benefits website at <http://www.umsystem.edu/totalrewards/benefits>

Values Commitment:

We value the uniqueness of every individual and strive to ensure each person's success. Contributions from individuals with diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives promote intellectual pluralism and enable us to achieve the excellence that we seek in learning, research and engagement. This commitment makes our university a better place to work, learn and innovate.

In your application materials, please discuss your experiences and expertise that support these values and enrich our missions of teaching, research, and engagement.

Equal Employment Opportunity:

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