

Position Title: Sr. Clinical Lab Specialist

Department: Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory

Position Type: Staff

Job ID: 54166

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 Senior Clinical Lab Specialist. Representative Duties Include:

- Perform various diagnostic immunological and/or serological tests on animal samples (blood, fluid, tissue, etc.) submitted by VMDL clients to the Serology Section. Tests include, but not limited to, enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID), tube or plate agglutination, cell culture and virus propagation, serum neutralization, and immunofluorescence tests.
- Comply with VMDL's QA policies and rules, such as following specific SOPs issued by the VMDL and the laboratory section.
- Manage laboratory section's quality assurance documents, such as monitoring the temperature of various equipment, the performance of control reagents and equipment, client feedback, etc.
- Communicate with clients and colleagues in other laboratory sections regarding laboratory test procedures and results.
- Order appropriate reagents and supplies for testing.
- Set up, operate and maintain apparatus and equipment used in the section.
- Assist the section head in designing and revising the sections SOPs, forms, and other QA documents.
- Assist the section head in preparing section reports, analyzing diagnostic tests, and troubleshooting.
- Assist the section head in managing and training new staff and students working within the section.

- Perform additional tasks or work in other lab sections as necessary.

Shift

Full-time 40 hours per week (FTE 1.0). Occasionally staying after 5:00 pm may be required to service client needs.

Minimum Qualifications

Bachelor's degree and at least 2 years of experience from which comparable knowledge and skills can be acquired is necessary.

Preferred Qualifications

MS degree. Relevant working experience in a diagnostic serology/immunology laboratory is preferred.

Anticipated Hiring Range

Salary Range \$52,000.00 - \$56,000.00/year, salary commensurate with education and experience

Grade: GGS-9E

University Title: Senior Research Specialist

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

Benefit Eligibility

This position is eligible for University benefits. As part of your total compensation, the University offers a comprehensive benefits package, including medical, dental and vision plans, retirement, paid time off, short- and long-term disability, paid parental leave, paid caregiver leave, and educational fee discounts for all four UM System campuses. For additional information on University benefits, please visit the Faculty & Staff Benefits website at <https://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.

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