

**Position Title:** Research Specialist I – RRRC & MMRRC

**Department:** Veterinary Pathobiology

**Position Type:** Staff

**Job ID:** 52552

**Job Description:**

The **NIH-funded Rat Resource and Research Center (RRRC) and Mutant Mouse Resource & Research Center (MMRRC)** serve as unique repositories for rodent models that are important to the biomedical community. The mission of these Centers is to supply biomedical investigators with rats and mice, embryonic stem cells, related reagents, protocols, and technical services that they require for their research. You can learn more about the RRRC at <https://www.rrrc.us/> and more about the MMRRC at <https://mu-mmrrc.com/>.

The MMRRC and the RRRC are currently seeking a **Research Specialist I** to join their team to support a range of repository and research initiatives. The position requires a detail-oriented person who will perform tasks related to rodent colony management, reproductive biology and gamete/embryo cryobiology. Duties will include managing mouse and rat breeding colonies, surgical procedures such as embryo transfer and vasectomy; sperm and embryo cryopreservation and cryorecovery; media and hormone preparation; animal injections (mouse & rat); electronic data management, including maintaining inventory, and general record keeping. The position requires good manual dexterity and includes microscope work.

**Top 5 Reasons to Work at the RRRC and MMRRC:**

1. We are independent Centers that have been continually funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for over 20 years. Our Centers provide a unique opportunity to be creative and think big while having access to the resources of a large university and strong support from NIH.
2. Our work has global impact. As one of four national MMRRCs and the only Rat Center (one of 2 in the world), we serve investigators both in the US and around the world.
3. We operate with an entrepreneurial spirit and are always willing to test new ideas and strategies from all members of our team.
4. We support a healthy work-life balance.
5. We provide opportunities for cross-training and professional development. Your success is our success.

**Shift:**

Monday - Friday with some scheduled weekend work necessary. 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

High school diploma or equivalent and at least 2 years of experience from which comparable knowledge and skills can be acquired is necessary.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Mouse and rat handling experience.
- BA/BS in life sciences or animal science is preferred.
- Must possess excellent organizational skills and attention to detail, and be able to work individually and in a team setting.

**Anticipated Hiring Range:**

Salary Range: \$16.72-\$23.00 per hour

Grade: GGS-007

University Title: Research Specialist I

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

**Equal Employment Opportunity:**

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