

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

**POSITION TITLE:** Animal Attendant/Technician

**CLASSIFICATION:** OO3

**DIVISION:** Support

**DEPARTMENT:** Scientific Services

**LOCATION:** Herston

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### POSITION OBJECTIVES

Provides care and husbandry to small animals used for breeding and research.

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### ORGANISATION CONTEXT

QIMR Berghofer is a statutory body under the QIMR Act (1945). The mission of QIMR Berghofer is to promote the wellbeing of humankind through medical research, to maintain within the State of Queensland an internationally recognised Centre for Medical Research, to develop that Centre as the primary focus of Medical Research within the State and to co-operate with, and where possible assist the work of other medical research establishments within the State and throughout the world.

QIMR Berghofer Support Division includes Human Resources, External Relations, Finance & Administration, Research Support & Governance and Scientific Services. The role of the Support Division is to provide support services to QIMR Berghofer research staff to enable them to effectively conduct research and development.

Scientific Services provides a diverse array of support services to researchers; including flow cytometry, microscopy, histotechnology, GMP production, animal facilities, veterinary, analytical facilities, sample processing, building services, scientific equipment management, cryogenics and stores.

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### REPORTING STRUCTURE

The position reports to the Team Leader and works closely with Senior Animal Technicians.

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### PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Ensure work practices comply with the requirements of the *Work Health and Safety Act* 2011, related legislative requirements, the Institute's OH&S policies and procedures and the Animal Ethics Committee (AEC) recommendations.

- Prepare food and water and care for breeding and research animals to ensure animals are maintained in healthy condition within an enriched environment
- Maintain accurate records of animal numbers, agistment, breeding, weaning and health status
- Provide clean cages for animals including operation of steam autoclaves and cleaning equipment
- Maintain animal holding rooms in clean and disease free status and dispose of waste materials in accordance with legislation and facility standard operating procedures.
- Perform sample collection, dietary supplementation and euthanasia procedures.
- Ensure that all work on, and with, animals in the facility complies with Australian Code of Practice

**Additional Information:**

- Participate in public holiday and weekend roster duties
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**KEY SELECTION CRITERIA (Qualifications, Experience, Skills and Abilities)**

***Essential***

- Hold Certificate III Animal Technology or equivalent, or progress towards completion
- Proven and demonstrated knowledge of animal husbandry
- Proven and demonstrated abilities in animal handling techniques
- Proven ability to keep and maintain accurate records with high level of accuracy
- Proven ability to work well in a team and independently
- Capacity to meet deadlines and to follow tasks through to completion

***Desirable***

- Experience with injections, sample collection and euthanasia techniques
  - Experience in laboratory animal care in a scientific research environment
  - Experience in laboratory techniques with sample preparation and analysis
  - Knowledge of regulatory bodies and legislation governing laboratory animal care
  - Basic computer knowledge including MS Office
  - Basic knowledge of animal physiology and genetics of breeding
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