Position Title: Cage Wash Attendant  
Date Prepared: 07/09/2024

Status: Miscellaneous Wage Employee

Hourly Pay: $13.50/hour

Hours: 24 hours/week (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Mondays through Thursdays)

Department: Office of Laboratory Animal Medicine

Location: Newark

Deadline: Open until filled.

Context of Job:
The Cage Wash Attendant performs routine duties associated with husbandry equipment sanitation and preparation for reuse in a biomedical research setting, including cage maintenance, monitoring equipment for proper functioning, and maintaining sanitary conditions.

Major Responsibilities:
• Works in the cage wash area to operate tunnel washers and rack washers.
• Perform routine cleaning, descaling, and preventative maintenance on the cage washers and autoclaves, including checking and cleaning filters and spray manifolds.
• Conducts cleaning activities by dumping soiled bedding to remove waste.
• Keeps clean and dirty equipment/supplies separated.
• Maintains records and quality control information.
• Understands and follows appropriate SOPs, safety procedures, and quality assurance guidelines.
• Operates and maintains water bottle filling devices.
• Maintains the cage wash area in a clean and orderly condition at the end of each shift.
• Uses brooms, mops, scrapers, brushes, scrubbing machines, hand trucks, power sprayers, and other accessory sanitary equipment.
• Performs sanitation and cleaning throughout the animal facility as required.
• Receives/handles feed and bedding deliveries.
• Carries out other services and support activities in the facility as needed under the direction of supervisor.
Minimum Qualifications:
- High school diploma/GED required.
- Ability to read, write, and comprehend English.
- Ability to follow both written and verbal instructions.
- Ability to explain problems/issues/solutions.
- Must be service oriented and able to work as a team member.
- Ability to lift 50 lbs. repetitively.
- Ability to stand for long periods of time.
- Ability to work overtime as required.
- Must be able to push/pull cars on weight-bearing wheels weighing approximately 200 pounds.
- Must be able stand, bend, stretch, and walk for long periods of time.
- Must not be allergic to animals, latex, waste products, or organic bedding materials.

How to Apply:
Please submit a one-page cover letter, your resume, and the contact information of at least three references via email to Oscar Damminger at oedjr@udel.edu.

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