VETERINARIAN SENIOR
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Department: PRIMATE CENTER
Job Location: Downtown Seattle
Closing Info: Open Until Filled
Salary: Salary is commensurate with education and experience.

The PRIMATE Center has an outstanding opportunity for a Veterinarian Senior. Under the general direction of the Supervisory Veterinarian, this position provides critical veterinary care of nonhuman PRIMATEs (NHPs) used for research and breeding at the WaNPRC. This position will have the primary duties to include but not limited to performance of specialized work related to the health, care and management of nonhuman PRIMATEs at the WaNPRC. This position requires clinical and surgical veterinary skills, the ability to maintain clinical records and databases, computer literacy, strong organizational skills, support of research procedures and communication with investigators, direct interaction with diverse groups within the WaNPRC and the ability to work with minimal supervision. This position must ensure the optimal veterinary care of nonhuman PRIMATEs (NHPs) at WaNPRC and ensure the support of AIDS-related and other research as well as breeding programs within the WaNPRC facilities.

This position must:
• Ensure the optimal veterinary health care of Non-Human Primates (NHPs) at the WaNPRC;
• Ensure the University of Washington is in compliance with federal regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), National Institute of Health (NIH), and with accreditation standards of the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Lab Animal Care (International) (AAALAC);
• Support the AIDS-related research projects at the WaNPRC by consultation with investigators and oversight of technical research procedures.
• Support the health of WaNPRC breeding colonies.

Position Duties and Responsibilities:
Veterinary Services
• Perform preventative medicine including but not limited to: quarantine procedures, dental procedures, review of health records and physiological blood data values of research and colony animals, review of and modification of clinical treatment and research protocols;
• Develop and implement plans for preventative medicine including review of present preventative plans and modification of preventative plans or protocols based on clinical successful/non-successful clinical outcomes;
• Participate in animal health maintenance including but not limited to: surveillance of colony animal health in conjunction with other veterinary clinical staff and colony staff, infectious disease testing, routine physical exams and bio-sample analysis for research and colony animals, dental health examination.
• Present weekly summary of open clinical cases and follow-up results of closed clinical cases during weekly clinical rounds meetings;
• Provide care to sick or injured animals including provision of follow-up care and release from clinical treatment;
• Maintain clinical records in a custom electronic database, the Animal Research Management System (ARMS);
• Keep continuous surveillance for clinical signs of disease and injury;
• Perform radiology, ultrasound, endoscopic, and surgical procedures;
• Provide care for pregnant and neonatal NHPs;
• Determine and direct use of anesthetic and analgesic agents;
• Perform sedation and anesthesia with controlled drugs;
• Provide guidance to surgical support staff on instrumentation, sanitation practices, surgical suite maintenance;
• Provide patient peri-operative anesthesia and monitoring as needed;
• Provide and oversee post-operative intensive care, including the use of sedatives, analgesics, and antibiotics;
• Provide weekend/holiday on call coverage across all Seattle facilities involving NHPs assigned to a variety of research projects;
• Perform the duties required of Essential Personnel members in the event of an emergency;
• Ensure that all procedures performed have the appropriate regulatory and internal approvals prior to being performed;
• Communicate regularly with veterinary, husbandry, pathology, behavioral management staff;
• Stay current on all required training;
• Perform other duties as assigned.

Research Support
• Maintain detailed records regarding individual laboratory animals, e.g., animal health, weights, procedures performed, medications administered, project assignments, etc. within regulatory requirements and WaNPRC guidelines;
• Review viral testing records to ensure maintenance of SPF colony status;
• Monitor progression of AIDS in lentivirus-infected animals, and take appropriate actions to support animal welfare;
• Assist investigators with protocol development and study scheduling;
• Consult with investigators regarding study progression;
• Train and oversee technical staff performing research procedures and anesthesia;
• Perform research surgeries and procedures, and develop new techniques;
• Assist with grant preparation and review where applicable.

Regulatory Compliance
• Maintain compliance with all USDA, PHS, AAALAC, UW, and WaNPRC policies and procedures
• Provide direct monitoring of clinical cases and present verbal and written reports to the University of Washington Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and Attending Veterinarian.
• Provide supervision of veterinary clinical staff members as needed;
• Provide training to veterinary technicians, husbandry staff, students, residents, and visiting scientists;
• Assist in management of controlled substance inventory;
• Conduct clinical research, either independently or collaboratively, to advance knowledge regarding nonhuman PRIMATE medicine and research use. Information gained is to be reported in local and national forums and peer reviewed literature.
• Participate in continuing education opportunities, including small animal continuing education courses and literature pertaining to nonhuman PRIMATEs; nonhuman PRIMATE related conferences and meetings, specialty practice conferences and inter-department research related lectures and literature.
• Provide orientation, training, and refresher training for on-site personnel;
• Write and review Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs);
• Participate in WaNPRC and UW committees and PRIMATE Center Consortium working groups.

This position will provide technical direction to the Veterinarian Services, Animal Care, and Research Support staffs.

For detailed information on Benefits for this position click here.

REQUIREMENTS:
• Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from a College of Veterinary Medicine that is accredited by the American Veterinary Association or has a certificate issued by the American Veterinary Association’s Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG in progress will be considered), and a license to practice veterinary medicine in at least one state;
• The ability to obtain a license to practice in the state of Washington and National USDA accreditation.
• A minimum of three years of clinical and surgical experience with laboratory animals including nonhuman PRIMATEs.
• It is necessary to have clinical proficiency with PRIMATEs, a high level of technical skills specific to PRIMATEs, understanding of animal welfare regulations and an understanding and proficiency in biosafety principles.
• Excellent written and oral communication skills.
• Proficiency in use of computers including use of word processing, spreadsheets, database software, and internet usage.
• Demonstrated capacity to work well independently and in collaboration with a diverse staff.

Equivalent education/experience will substitute for all minimum qualifications except where there are legal requirements such as license/certification/registration.

DESIRED:
• Board certification in Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM).
• Experience with nonhuman PRIMATEs assigned to AIDS-related research projects.
• Research surgical and imaging (ultrasound, endoscopy, and laparoscopy) experience.
• Teaching experience both in a classroom setting and with individuals.
• Supervisory experience.

Condition of Employment:
Since this position will be handling controlled substances, the successful candidate will be required to have a successful outcome of a criminal history background check,