

## **Lab Technician-Animal Handler– Join a great team researching to help our military Veterans!**

We are a non-profit medical research foundation based in Phoenix, Arizona. We offer our team members an opportunity to impact Veterans' health while enjoying a competitive salary, generous benefits, a collaborative environment, and flexible scheduling.

**The Position:** We're looking for a lab technician-Animal Handler to join our research team. We are looking for a scientifically minded individual to join a team of investigators to manage research projects and conduct experiments independently. The pay range for the position is \$15.50 to \$20.00 per hour.

- We pay 85%-100% of the medical premiums for employees. We pay 50% of the medical premiums for family members. We pay 100% of the vision benefit premium and 100% of the dental premium for employees. We offer life insurance, short and long-term disability benefits, a Simple IRA with matching funds (immediate vesting), vacation, and sick leave.

### **Preferred Qualifications & Skills:**

- Experience with rat/mouse animal handling in a research environment
- Knowledge of rodent basic biology, handling, and behavior testing
- Knowledge of microscopes and histology laboratory techniques
- Knowledge and experience in basic lab techniques detailed in job description Required Professional Skills
- Possess fine hand dexterity to be trained to isolate and handle small blood vessels under the microscope
- Ability to work and thrive in a team environment and possess a positive attitude
- Excellent communication skills (verbal and written), including knowledge of MS Office
- Good problem-solving, basic math, and quantitative and analytical skills
- Able to critically review information and understand instructions and new concepts with minimal assistance
- Ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously and work independently with minimal supervision
- Focused and well-organized with attention to detail and outstanding organization skills
- Bachelor's degree in a field appropriate to the area of assignment; OR, Four years research experience appropriate to the area of assignment; OR, Any equivalent combination of experience and/or education from which comparable knowledge, skills and abilities have been achieved

### **Responsibilities:**

- Care, handling, and use of laboratory rat/mouse research animals
- Small animal (rodent) surgery and post-surgical care
- Behavioral evaluation of cognitive function, implementation of exercise intervention, and drug delivery in laboratory animals
- Obtain and process biological samples (human and animal origin), tissue processing, blood vessel experiments, and microscopy
- In vitro cell culture maintenance, perform cell treatments for experimental conditions.

- Molecular biology experiments may be required: DNA/RNA isolation, PCR and qPCR, protein isolation, western blot analysis, immunofluorescence, and immunohistochemistry studies
- Maintain detailed documentation of procedures and results
- Maintain laboratory equipment and preparation of reagents

**The Company:** Arizona Veterans Research and Education Foundation uniquely partners with the Phoenix Veterans Administration Health Services, universities, and pharmaceutical and device companies to conduct research benefiting military Veterans.

- Our research activities matter!
- We bring cutting edge research outcomes to Veterans that makes a difference in their lives.

**The Location:** Arizona Veterans Research and Education Foundation is based in Phoenix, Arizona on the Phoenix VA Medical Center Campus. Laboratory offices are situated in the beautiful Biomedical Sciences Partnership Building in downtown Phoenix in the middle of the University of Arizona/Arizona State University/Veterans Affairs academic triangle.

### **Why Should You Apply?**

- Wonderful team!
- Great benefits.
- Make an impact with research outcomes.
- Flexible scheduling

Please apply through our hiring portal: <https://arizonaveteransresearch.bamboohr.com/jobs/view.php?id=28>

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We are an equal-opportunity employer.