Laboratory Technician

Whitman College
Located in the historic community of Walla Walla in the scenic wine country of southeastern Washington, Whitman’s beautiful tree-lined campus is home to an intellectually dynamic, diverse, and supportive community of some 500 staff and faculty and 1,450 students. Ranked by U.S. News & World Report among the top fifty liberal arts colleges in the country, Whitman is proud to count among its distinguished alumni the longest-serving Justice in U.S. Supreme Court history, a U.S. Ambassador, a nationally-acclaimed poet, an astronaut, a former CEO of General Electric, and a Nobel Laureate in physics. With an endowment exceeding $500 million, fiercely loyal alumni, exceptional students, and an accomplished faculty and staff, Whitman College continues to build on its national reputation for academic excellence and leadership.

Position Description
The successful candidate will perform physiology laboratory research including animal studies, mitochondrial respiration analysis, and cell exposure experiments. The candidate will help maintain the lab and mouse colony and will assist in training undergraduates in laboratory techniques. Duties will include, but are not limited to:

1. Keep track of supplies and reagents and order new supplies as needed.
2. Design and implement physiology research projects as described above; keep track of methods and results in an organized fashion.
3. Assist with animal care and maintenance as described above.
4. Assist with training of undergraduate students.

Qualifications
Individuals must be able to explain and/or demonstrate that they possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities to safely perform the essential functions of the job, with or without reasonable accommodation.

1. Must have knowledge and working familiarity with chemicals and equipment routinely used in biology and biochemistry laboratories. Must know basic safety procedures for working with and disposing of such chemicals.
2. Must have working knowledge of laboratory equipment such as autoclaves, centrifuges, gel electrophoresis, & chemical/cell culture hoods, and understand the safety issues of such items.
3. Must be self-motivated and have a positive attitude. Some direction and training will be given; however, most work will be self-initiated.
No heavy lifting is required. There will be periods of standing and sitting depending on if they are doing laboratory bench work or sitting at a cell culture hood. Similar levels of activity to that of an office job.

To Apply
All application materials must be submitted electronically via the Whitman College HR Web site at: https://whitmanhr.simplehire.com/. Candidates must provide a letter of application addressing qualifications for this position, a resume, and the names of three professional references with current phone numbers and e-mail addresses. This position will remain open until May 21, 2018. Modest relocation support is available.

Whitman College is building a diverse academic community and welcomes nominations of and applications from women, members of historically underrepresented minority groups, persons with disabilities, and others who would bring additional dimensions to the College’s learning environment. Whitman is responsive to the needs of dual career couples. Whitman College is an EEO Employer.