



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Laboratory Technician

Reporting to: Laboratory Manager

Responsible for: Insectary Technical Support

Salary: TBC

Application deadline: Thursday, 31 January 2019

Purpose of the job

Oxitec is a pioneer in controlling insects that spread disease and damage crops. Through world class science it is tackling the major global challenges of keeping people healthy and increasing food production and it is doing so in a way that is sustainable, environmentally friendly and cost effective.

We are seeking a highly motivated and capable laboratory technician to be part of our UK team based in Oxfordshire. This position involves the technical support of our insect teams, from preparing diets to looking after insect colonies.

The successful candidate will have a self-starting attitude, show strong organisational skills, and demonstrate original thinking and attention to detail. Team-orientation and flexibility in duties are essential. Experience working in a biological sciences laboratory, and insect rearing experience are desirable. The successful candidate will be able to work independently while maintaining a strong team ethos, demonstrate good laboratory practices and the ability to follow SOPs, have good communication skills and an enthusiasm for the goals of Oxitec.

Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the role are to include:

- Maintaining colonies of insect strains for use in experiments and as part of business continuity;
- Providing laboratory support to the department;
- Maintaining stock solutions, supplies and equipment;
 - Stock-taking and ordering.
 - Providing support to ongoing experiments in R&D;
- Providing support to the R&D General Laboratory Assistant;
- Recording data;
- Provide occasional weekend support as part of a rota within the R&D team.

Key Skills and Qualifications

- Educated to A-level or demonstrating technical abilities appropriate for the role;
- Experience working in a biological sciences laboratory is desired;
- Experience working in an insect rearing laboratory is a bonus;
- Must be diligent and organised, with data recording abilities;
- Have an attention to detail;

- Able to work independently and within a team;
- Good written English and oral communication skills and a diligent attitude.

Key Experience

- Experience working in a biological sciences laboratory is required, with insect rearing expertise preferred.
- Industrial laboratory experience (1-3 years) is also preferred.

Behaviours

- Showing initiative;
- Adaptability and Flexibility;
- Demonstrates individual industry and team playing;
- Strong and willing communicator;
- Attention to detail.