

Head, Division of Animal Resources

Organization

The position reports to the Director of the New Iberia Research Center. NIRC is composed of six divisions: Animal Resources, Behavioral Sciences, Information Services, Occupational Services, Research Resources and Veterinary Sciences. An AAALAC international accredited facility, NIRC houses approximately 6,000 nonhuman primates (including Great Apes, Old World and New World species). Our mission is to provide resources and support for the conduct of basic and applied research aimed at the solution of human health and societal problems.

Major Responsibilities

The *Head of the Division of Animal Resources* will be primarily responsible for managing the husbandry/breeding operations and animal care staff of approximately 110 people, assisting in ensuring compliance with AAALAC standards and IACUC and NIH guidelines, designing and implementing standard operating procedures, serving as primary point of contact for USDA inspections and ensuring USDA compliance.

Personnel responsibilities will consist of hiring, training, evaluating, disciplining and mentoring employees within the Division to include designing, organizing, and coordinating the Laboratory Animal Technician Training Program as well as assuring proper training documentation and overall compliance with all regulatory agencies.

The individual will be required to serve as the primary point of contact for the national and international transportation of non-human primates to and from the facility. This person will be required to ensure that all shipments of non-human primates are carried out in compliance with federal and state government regulations.

Additional responsibilities will include managing coordination of laboratory animal assignments for the pharmaceutical and biotechnology research support programs and interacting with and advising senior management and institutional committees on matters pertaining to animal husbandry/breeding and animal care operations.

Qualifications

The applicant must possess a minimum of a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science related discipline, LATG and CMAR certification preferred. The applicant must have a minimum of ten years demonstrated experience in administrative management, personnel supervision, and the management and operation of the animal care aspects of a non-human primate, AAALAC International accredited, contract research facility to include a thorough knowledge and understanding of the Animal Welfare Act, AAALAC International requirements and related federal and state regulations and standards governing the care and use of laboratory animals. Candidate will communicate directly with partners in the pharmaceutical industry and at the National Institutes of Health therefore strong communication skills are a must. Candidate must also demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively with all staff members and visitors of the UL-NIRC.

Preferred Qualifications

LATG, CMAR, DVM/VMD and/or PhD

Location

University of Louisiana –New Iberia Research Center
New Iberia, Louisiana

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EEO Number: RD 1-10

Candidate should send a letter of application, resume, and names and addresses of at least three references to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 13610, New Iberia, LA 70562