

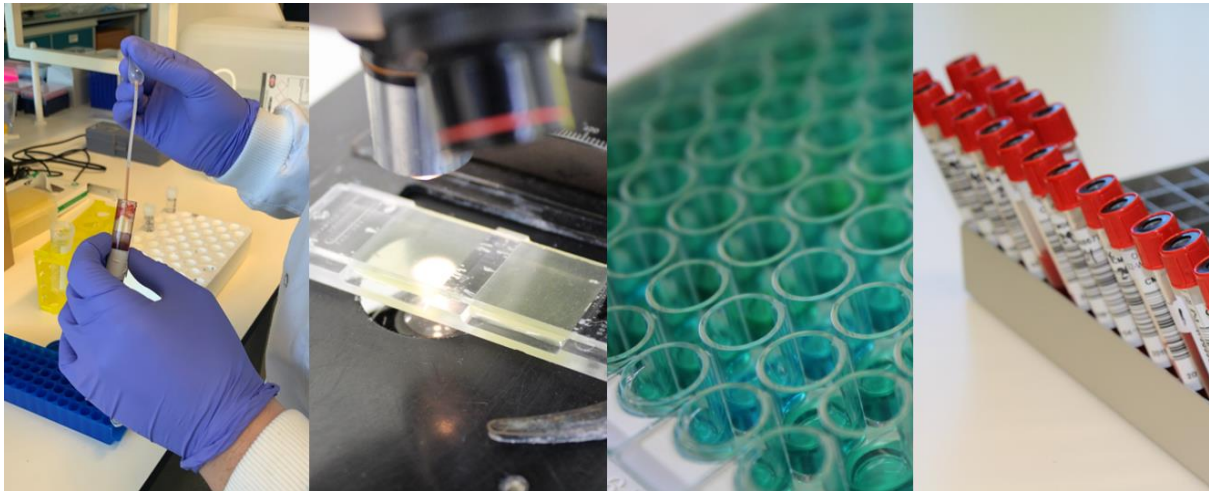


**Canolfan
Milfeddygaeth Cymru
Wales Veterinary
Science Centre**

LABORATORY TECHNICIAN VETERINARY PATHOLOGY & LABORATORY DIAGNOSTICS

We are looking to add at least one new laboratory technician to join the team in our ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory at the Wales Veterinary Science Centre in Aberystwyth. This role is varied to support the variety of work now being undertaken at WVSC but will mostly include performing various veterinary diagnostic lab tests (including faecal parasitology, ELISA blood tests, smear staining), carrying out work in accordance to quality standards (ISO/IEC 17025), reporting results to customers, keeping the work environment tidy and organised, record keeping and assisting our vets with livestock necropsies (postmortem examinations).

There is flexibility in the post with part-time, flexitime and seasonal working all possible scenarios for the right candidate. If you are interested, then please email lab@wvsc.wales with "Lab Tech Post" in the subject line to apply. If you would prefer to chat further first, then please get in touch with one of our team to discuss the possibilities on (01970) 612374. All working patterns and levels of experience considered.



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WALES VETERINARY SCIENCE CENTRE

DETAILED JOB DESCRIPTION

LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Wales Veterinary Science Centre (WVSC) is an established APHA Partner Provider of expert postmortem examinations (PMEs) of farm livestock for disease surveillance. It is owned by Iechyd Da, a veterinary delivery partner (VDP) established by a group of vet practices to promote and deliver veterinary related services to government in Wales.

In addition to livestock PMEs, WVSC is also contracted by Welsh Government to perform PMEs for the All-Wales Badger Found Dead Survey. It is the lab of choice for many vets in Wales for BVD and Sheep Scab ELISAs and is looking to expand the portfolio of tests to become a complete independent veterinary diagnostic laboratory in Wales. WVSC also provides CPD courses for vets and farmers. Recent developments have resulted in the launch of Aber Cattle Health Scheme (a CheCS approved health scheme) and veterinary practice syndromic surveillance as part of Arwain DGC.

Currently, the team comprises two vets (1.6 FTE), a laboratory manager with a small team of lab technicians, a postmortem attendant, and a small office team. With such a small workforce, a harmonious inter-personal working environment is essential and, while individuals may have a defined main role, team working and supporting all areas of activity are essential from time to time.

THE PRIMARY ROLE OF THE LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

- Receiving and checking-in samples
- Preparing samples for testing e.g. centrifugation
- Performing various tests (faecal parasitology, ELISA blood tests, smear staining). Training for all tests will be provided.
- Preparing results reports
- Reporting results to customers
- Carrying out work in accordance to quality standards (ISO/IEC 17025)
- Cleaning and disinfecting of the working environment
- Keeping records e.g. of samples stored/cleaning and maintenance of equipment
- Adherence to health and safety protocols for themselves and others
- Arranging the ordering of consumables as required
- The centre also performs livestock necropsies (postmortem examinations) and laboratory technicians may be asked to assist vets with these.

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's degree or higher in a relevant science discipline
- Excellent interpersonal and teamworking skills
- Attention to detail and ability to follow laboratory protocols
- Record keeping skills
- Ability to work to strict deadlines
- Good communication & IT skills

DESIRABLE BUT NOT ESSENTIAL FOR THE RIGHT CANDIDATE:

- Experience working in a laboratory
- A willingness and ability to handle dead animals and tissue samples
- Welsh language (spoken and written)

- BCG vaccination

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Full time or part time, all possibilities considered.
- Pro-rata holiday allowance is 20 days plus bank holidays (plus 1 additional day for every full year worked up to a maximum of 5 additional days)
- Training by a range of media, including inhouse training must be undertaken.
- 7.5 hour working day (37.5 hrs/week) but flexibility expected due to seasonality of work.
- Salary according to experience £22,681.00-£25,1380.00 pro-rata.

Deadline for applications: 08/09/23