



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Research Technician in Pig Science, Faculty of Biological Sciences



Salary: Grade 3 (£17,682– £19,133 p.a.)

Reference: FBSFO1128

Closing date: 13 November 2019

Fixed-term for 12 months

Research Technician in Pig Science

School of Biology

Are you looking for a career in pig science? Would you like to work in a team based at the farm facilities of one of the UK's leading research intensive Universities?

The Faculty of Biological Sciences requires a research technician, to work on their pig research projects, based at University of Leeds Farms. You will work as part of a research team and will be involved in pig husbandry, data collection and monitoring of research trials and administrative duties relevant to the post.

To apply for this role you be educated to GCSE level or have equivalent qualifications. You will also be experienced in the handling and husbandry of pigs or other large livestock. As well as having experience of working in a farm environment, with the aptitude to complete technically challenging tasks, with care and precision.

The University of Leeds and the Faculty of Biological Sciences are committed to providing equal opportunities for all and offer a range of family friendly policies. The University is a charter member of Athena SWAN (the national body that promotes gender equality in higher education), and the Faculty of Biological Sciences was reawarded a Bronze award in 2017. We are proud to be an inclusive Faculty that values all staff, and are happy to consider job share applications and requests for flexible working arrangements from our employees. Our Athena SWAN [webpage](#) provides more information.

What does the role entail?

As the Research Technician your main duties will include:

- Performing accurate data recording on the farm, such as; feed and animal weights; temperatures; animal health monitoring; and other information as required; responding to any issues as and when they arise;
- Carrying out routine pig husbandry and care, including animal health monitoring, mucking/washing out, feeding and watering;
- General use and maintenance of technologically advanced automated feeding and weighing equipment;



- Lifting heavy objects such as sacks of feed, equipment and machinery;
- Assisting with Pig Unit administration through accurate and thorough data collection;
- Working in close association with other members of the Research and Production teams, ensuring that all work is completed efficiently and to the highest standards;
- Assisting academic staff, graduates and students in local procedures;
- Willingness to work outdoors in all weathers as and when required, including weekend and flexible working;
- Occasional use of farm and/or hire vehicles for university business.

These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required consistent with the grade of the post.

What will you bring to the role?

As a Pig Research Technician you will have:

- 5 GCSE passes including Mathematics and English or equivalent qualifications;
- Experience in the handling and husbandry of pigs or other large livestock;
- Experience of working in a farm environment, with the aptitude to complete technically challenging tasks, with care and precision;
- The ability to perform physically demanding tasks, including lifting heavy objects such as feed, animals and machinery;
- Good organisational and time management skills, with the ability to meet deadlines;
- The ability to work effectively either as part of a team or lone working;
- The ability to work accurately with good attention to detail, and to resolve routine problems;
- Good IT skills, including MS Office software, with experience of record keeping;
- A valid driving license which enables you to drive vehicles owned or hired by the University of Leeds for farm business on UK roads.*

You may also have:

- Ability to operate farm machinery;



- RSci (Registered Scientist) or RSci Tech (Registered Science Technician);
- Experience in animal research (this can include a period in Further or Higher Education);
- An A Level qualification or BTEC (or equivalent).

Notes:

You may not keep pigs or reside on premises where pigs are kept (other than University of Leeds Farms) whilst holding this post. You must refrain from consuming any pig-derived products on the University Farm site or bringing such products to the site.

*Current UoL insurance criteria require any driver to be over the age of 21 years and hold a full clean licence which enables them to drive the required vehicle on UK roads.

How to apply

You can apply for this role online; more guidance can be found on our [How to Apply](#) information page. Applications should be submitted by **23:59** (UK time) on the advertised closing date.

Contact information

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

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Additional information

Find out more about the [Faculty of Biological Sciences](#)

Working at Leeds

Find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it is like to live and work in the Leeds area on our [Working at Leeds](#) information page.



Candidates with disabilities

Information for candidates with disabilities, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found on our [Accessibility](#) information page or by getting in touch with us at disclosure@leeds.ac.uk.

Criminal record information

This post may be subject to appropriate security checks being carried out with your permission by a third party company.

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975

This post requires a standard criminal record check from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), and any equivalent overseas authorities where relevant. The successful candidate will be required to give consent for the University to check their criminal record status. All applicants are required to make a self-declaration where applicable.

Any offer of appointment will be subject to the University being satisfied with the outcome of these checks, in accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our [Criminal Records](#) information page.

