



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## CANDIDATE BRIEF

### Research Technician in Biomedical Sciences, Faculty of Biological Sciences



**Salary: Grade 5 (£27,644 - £31,637 p.a.)**

**Reference: FBSBM1219**

**Available on a fixed-term basis for 2 years (to complete specific time limited work)**

**We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements.**

# Research Technician in Neuroscience

## Faculty of Biological Sciences

**Are you an early career researcher looking for a challenge? Do you have a background in neuroscience? Do you want to further your career in one of the UK's leading research intensive Universities?**

The [Lukacs lab](#) is seeking applications from driven, enthusiastic candidates to fill a Research Technician position. We are embedded within the School of Biomedical Sciences and the [Neur@Leeds Research Collective](#) at the University of Leeds. The successful candidate will join a rapidly growing team and join exciting projects exploring the physiological role of newly identified sensory receptor molecules. The team uses a combination of state-of-the-art techniques, including genome engineering, animal models, fluorescent imaging, and electrophysiology. We are a collaborative group with a friendly work environment, seeking candidates who would complement our group dynamic and can thrive in a highly co-operative environment.

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 awarded a Silver award in 2020. 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.

### Main duties and responsibilities

- Assisting in the day-to-day running of the laboratory, including the care and maintenance of some laboratory equipment or machinery and ordering supplies;
- Liaising with academics and researchers to perform techniques and protocols as appropriate. These would include (but are not limited to) the following:
  - Tissue culture
  - Molecular biology
  - Fluorescent imaging



- Maintaining Health and Safety records and developing risk assessments for new and existing protocols;
- Maintaining good records and laboratory notebooks of work carried out, including providing clear understandable data to other members of the research group;
- Explaining laboratory procedures to new users and students within the research group;
- Providing flexible technical support to members of the research group based on their needs;
- Preparing, collating and presenting data in an understandable manner to members of the research group at regular group meetings;
- Animal colony establishment, maintenance, and management working alongside animal facility staff.

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.

## Qualifications and skills

### Essential

- A Degree, BTEC higher level or equivalent or equivalent experience;
- Experience in research animal work, molecular biology, tissue culture;
- Experience of working in a laboratory environment, with the ability to perform technically demanding tasks with care and precision;
- Good organisational and time management skills, with the ability to work unsupervised and use your own initiative to meet deadlines;
- Good verbal and written communications skills, with the ability to clearly articulate and present information, ideas and analysis, modifying your approach to suit different audiences;
- Good IT skills, including MS Office software, with experience of record keeping.

### Desirable

- Previous experience in fluorescent imaging;
- RSci (Registered Scientist) or RSci Tech (Registered Science Technician) qualification from IST;
- A Home Office license





## 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](#) and the [School of Biomedical Sciences](#)

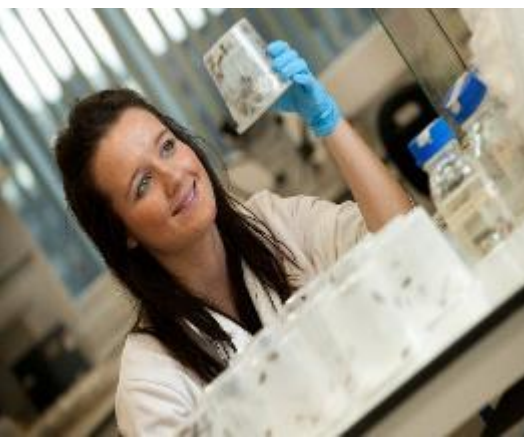
As an international research-intensive university, we welcome students and staff from all walks of life and from across the world. We foster an inclusive environment where all can flourish and prosper, and we are proud of our strong commitment to student education. Within the School of Biomedical Sciences we are dedicated to diversifying our community and we welcome the unique contributions that individuals can bring, and particularly encourage applications from, but not limited to Black, Asian, those who belong to a minority ethnic community; people who identify as LGBT+; and disabled people. Candidates will always be selected based on merit and ability.

### Working at Leeds

We are a campus-based community and regular interaction with campus is an expectation of all roles in line with academic and service needs and the requirements of the role. We are also open to discussing flexible working arrangements. To find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it is like to live and work in the Leeds area visit our [Working at Leeds](#) information page.

### Information for disabled candidates

Information for disabled candidates, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found under the 'Accessibility' heading on our [How to Apply](#) information page or by getting in touch by [emailing HR via hr@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:hr@leeds.ac.uk).



## Security checks

Appointment to this post will be subject to appropriate security checks being carried out with your permission by a third party company

## Criminal record information

### 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.

### Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

This post requires a basic criminal record check from Disclosure Scotland 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 and all applicants must declare if they have any 'unspent' criminal offences, including those pending.

Any offer of appointment will be 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.

## Salary Requirements of the Skilled Worker Visa Route

Please note: If you are not a British or Irish citizen, you will require permission to work in the UK. This will normally be in the form of a visa but, if you are an EEA/Swiss citizen, this may be your status under the EU Settlement Scheme.

Please note that due to Home Office visa requirements, this role is not suitable for first-time Skilled Worker visa applicants. Information on other visa options is available via [the Government's Work in the UK page](#).

