

# UBS Training and Competency Supervisor

## University Biomedical Services



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**Salary:**

£33,482 - £39,355

**Contract:**

Permanent

**Location:**

Cambridge

**Faculty / Department:**

University Biomedical Services

**Responsible to:**

Apprenticeship Scheme manager and Training Centre Coordinator

**Working Pattern:**

Full Time

**Purpose of the role**

As part of the University Biomedical Services (UBS) Training Centre and reporting to the Apprenticeship Scheme Manager and Training Centre Coordinator, the role will provide practical “hands on” training, assessment, and support to animal technicians and, where relevant, licensed research workers within UBS run facilities. The role will also provide teaching assistance to the training team, particularly in terms of Continuing Professional Development courses.

The role holder will work alongside the Named Training and Competency Officers (NTCOs) and Unit Named Animal Care Welfare Officers (NACWOs) to develop practical training programmes, to provide training and support, as well as competency of technicians and researchers working within the biofacilities. The role will primarily provide practical training in animal husbandry and regulated procedures, to new technicians and licensees following completion of Home Office Licence training.

It will be the role holder’s responsibility to support the Training Centre Manager and NTCOs to development and maintain local recording systems to ensure that an accurate training record is kept for each individual using, and caring for animals in research. As an assessor of competency, the role holder will also sign training records and update the relevant local records when required.

The role holder may also be required to provide supervisory support to small teams of technicians within a UBS biofacility, as cover.



## Key responsibilities

### Staff training and Facility Support

- To devise and assist facility trainers and assessors with individual supervision and training for new and existing staff in all techniques such as husbandry, health checking, schedule 1 and regulated procedures.
- Liaise with facility assessors / trainers / NTCOs / NACWOs regarding the development needs of technicians, non-Personal Licence holders and Personal Licence holders and assist in training and assessing as and when they require assistance within any of the University Biofacilities. Assess and reassess competency and sign off technicians / Non-PIL holders / PIL holders as competent for specific techniques once they have reached the appropriate level.
- Write, review and update assessment documents (e.g. Direct Observation of Practical Skills - DOPS) and assessment practices of trainers and assessors, on a regular basis, to ensure currency and standardisation.
- Devise and deliver Continuing Professional Development courses relating to, in particular, training and assessment
- Providing cover for senior technicians, completing appropriate duties (as detailed prior to cover) according to facility requirements, when required in times of staff shortage.
- To train to a high standard of work, organisation and hygiene, animal technicians, research staff and visiting technicians/researchers as directed by departmental Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Providing the appropriate supervision, support and training covering all aspects of animal health, husbandry, care and welfare.
- Regularly visit animal facilities to become familiar with facility routines and maintain practical skills in both regulated and non-regulated procedures.

### Procedures

- Performing experimental regulated and non-regulated procedures on protected animals as set out in their Home Office Personal Licence and assisting with procedures / surgery as necessary, including assisting the veterinarian with PIL training practical courses.
- Supervise others performing regulated procedures, train and assess competency during the training process. Assess the competence of licensees, non-licensees and technicians to carry out regulated procedures and reassess as appropriate in conjunction with facility trainers and assessors.

### PPL/PIL/NACWO/NTCO Liaison

- Direct liaison with User groups, Researchers, NACWOs, and NTCOs concerning training needs, supervision and assessment of animal technicians, non-licence holders and PIL holders in the facility.
- Reassessment of competency of animal technicians and personal and non-licence holders, assist in devising methods of training and record keeping to capture the needs of the facility. Direct liaison with trainers and assessors, including hosting group assessor meetings.

Other duties appropriate to the role and grade as needed.

# Person Specification

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
<b>Education and qualifications</b>		
Institute of Animal Technology Level 3 qualification and/or relevant National Certificate or relevant laboratory experience	✓	
Home Office Licence Categories A - C		✓
Good level of general education	✓	
<b>Specialist knowledge and skills</b>		
Knowledge of Home Office legislation to ensure compliance to the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986	✓	
Aseptic techniques and working knowledge of pre and post-operative care		✓
Carrying out regulated procedures	✓	
Ability to work with a computerised system	✓	
<b>Relevant experience</b>		
Supervisory experience	✓	
Extensive experience working in a licenced establishment with laboratory animals	✓	
Natural empathy with animals and commitment and dedication to the animals in their care	✓	
Working with IVCs		✓
Experience delivering training to individuals/groups	✓	
<b>Interpersonal &amp; communication skills</b>		
Ability to meet deadlines and attention to detail, able to carry out a number of tasks as required	✓	
Good level of interpersonal skills and communicating effectively at all levels, including presenting to others	✓	
An ability to motivate others	✓	

# Terms of Appointment

## Tenure and probation

The appointment will be made on a permanent basis.

Appointments will be subject to satisfactory completion of a six-month probationary period.

## Hours of Work and Working Pattern

The hours of work for the position are 36.5 hours per week.

Typical working hours are 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday – Thursday, 9.00am – 4.00pm Friday.

## Pension

You will automatically be enrolled to become a member of CPS (Contributory Pension Scheme) – a defined benefit and defined contribution pension scheme. For further information please visit: [www.pensions.admin.cam.ac.uk/](http://www.pensions.admin.cam.ac.uk/).

## Annual leave

Full time employees are entitled to annual paid leave of 36 days inclusive of public holidays. For part-time employees, annual leave will be pro rata'd based on days worked.

## General information

### Pre-employment checks

### Right to work in the UK

We have a legal responsibility to ensure that you have the

right to work in the UK before you can start working for us. If you do not have the right to work in the UK already, any offer of employment we make to you will be conditional upon you gaining it.

**Health declaration** Once an offer of employment has been made the successful candidate will be required to complete a work health declaration form.

### Qualifications

The person specification for this position lists qualifications that are essential and/or desirable. Please note that if you are offered the post you will be asked to provide your relevant original certificates of these qualifications.

**References** - offers of appointment will be subject to the receipt of satisfactory references.

### Screening checks

This role requires a security check. Any offer of employment we make to you will be conditional upon the satisfactory completion of this check; whether an outcome is satisfactory will be determined by the University.

## Information if you have a disability

The University welcomes applications from individuals with disabilities. We are committed to ensuring fair treatment throughout the recruitment process. We will make adjustments to enable applicants to compete to the best of their ability wherever it is reasonable to do so and, if successful, to assist them during their employment. Information for disabled applicants is available at <http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/staff/disabled/>

We encourage you to declare any disability that you may have, and any reasonable adjustments that you may require, in the section provided for this purpose in the application form. This will enable us to accommodate your needs throughout the process as required. However, applicants and employees may declare a disability at any time.

If you prefer to discuss any special arrangements connected with a disability, please contact, the Department Administrator, who is responsible for recruitment to this position.

# The University

**The University of Cambridge is one of the world's oldest and most successful universities. We are a renowned centre for research, education, and scholarship that makes a significant contribution to society. The University is consistently ranked amongst the top universities in the world. Our affiliates have won more Nobel Prizes than any other University.**

Our sustained pursuit of academic excellence is built on a long history of world-leading teaching and research within a distinctive collegiate system. For eight centuries our ideas and innovations have shaped the world. Our principal goal is to remain one of the world's leading universities in an increasingly competitive global higher education sector. Today the University of Cambridge is at the centre of a cluster of over 4,300 businesses employing 58,000 people.

Our capital investment projects include academic and commercial growth at both the West Cambridge Innovation District, and the Biomedical Campus in the south of the city. Eddington, in North West Cambridge, is a mixed-use development including key worker housing for staff, a community centre and a new primary school, managed by the University. Through these projects, the University is deeply embedded in, and committed to serving, our local community. These are all conspicuous signs of a University that is not only adapting to new needs, but also anticipating the future.

Our mission is to contribute to society through the pursuit of education, learning, and research at the highest international levels of excellence. Our core values are:

- freedom of thought and expression; and
- freedom from discrimination.



# About Us

**The University is one of the world's leading academic centres. It comprises 150 faculties and departments, together with a central administration and other institutions. Our institutions, museums and collections are a world-class resource for researchers, students and members of the public representing one of the country's highest concentrations of internationally important collections.**

The University has an annual income of £2 billion. Research income, won competitively from the UK Research Councils, the European Union (EU), major charities and industry, exceeds £500 million per annum and continues to grow.

The Colleges and the University remain committed to admitting the best students regardless of their background and to investing considerable resources both in widening access and financial support. The 31 Colleges are self-governing, separate legal entities which appoint their own staff. Many academic staff are invited to join a College as a Teaching Fellow, which provides a further social and intellectual dimension. The Colleges admit undergraduate students, provide student accommodation and pastoral support and deliver small group teaching for undergraduates.

The University awards degrees and its faculties and departments provide lectures and seminars for students and determine the syllabi for teaching.

Our instinct for seeking out excellence and setting up enduring and mutually beneficial collaborations has led us to establish strategic partnerships across the globe. Whether it is the successful Cambridge-Africa Programme involving universities in Ghana, Uganda and elsewhere on the African continent; or the close association with the government of India to pursue new research in crop science; or the creation, with Germany's Max Planck Institutes, of a Cambridge-based centre for the study of ethics, human economy and social change – international partnerships are now an inextricable part of the University's make-up.

“Cambridge graduates and researchers have made – and continue to make – a colossal contribution to human knowledge and the understanding of the world around us. Their work touches on the lives and livelihoods of everyone from patients diagnosed with life-threatening diseases, to residents of areas critically affected by climate change, to children growing up in conflict zones. It has a lasting impact on our society, our economy and our culture: the world is truly a better place thanks to their efforts.”

*Stephen Toope, Vice Chancellor 2019*



# Working at the University

**Working at Cambridge you will join a diverse, talented and innovative community, with more than 23,000 students and over 16,000 staff from all walks of life and corners of the world.**

The University continually explores strategies to attract and retain the best people. It is committed to supporting its staff to achieve their best. We are a fair, diverse and inclusive society and we believe our staff are our greatest asset. There is strong commitment to developing institutional leadership and supporting and encouraging staff development at all levels.

We offer a variety of roles including academic, research, professional, managerial and support roles. We also offer extensive benefits and excellent learning opportunities within a stimulating working environment.

The University's estate is undergoing the most significant transformation in its history. Cambridge has been able to create a science and technology campus to the west of the city centre, and is expanding further to the north west of Cambridge including investing in affordable homes for University key workers and community facilities. Even with our continued development, the University remains within walking or cycling distance across the campus. The University is a major partner on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and we continue to redevelop our historic city centre sites demonstrating our determination to ensure that we can offer the best facilities and opportunities for our staff and students.



## Equality & diversity

The University has built its excellence on the diversity of its staff and student community. We aim to be a leader in fostering equality and inclusion, and in promoting respect and a sense of belonging for all. We encourage applications from all sections of society. All appointments are made on the basis of merit. We have an Equal Opportunities Policy, along with a range of diversity groups, including the Women's Staff Network, Race Equality Network and LGBT+ Staff Network. More details are available here:

<http://www.equality.admin.cam.ac.uk/>

The University has a bronze Race Equality Charter award, with a framework for improving the representation, progression and success of minority ethnic staff and students within higher education. Furthermore, the University's silver Athena swan award recognises and celebrates good practice in recruiting, retaining and promoting gender equality.

# Living in Cambridge

**Cambridge is rich in cultural diversity. From beautiful University and College buildings, museums and art galleries, quaint gardens and punts on the River Cam, to a vibrant restaurant and café scene, our employees are surrounded by the wonderful features of this unique city.**

You can find a wide-range of high street shops and 3 shopping centres, with independent alternatives at the historic market and nestled within the passageways in the city centre. You will find a cinema, bowling alley, a nightclub and various live performances at the Cambridge Leisure Park, with further entertainment options at the Corn Exchange, Arts Theatre and the ADC Theatre. Further information can be found on the Visit Cambridge website.

If you prefer the faster pace of life, London is a 45 minute train journey away. For those travelling from overseas, Stansted Airport is just 45 minutes away and Heathrow Airport under 2 hours away. The University is a short distance from a host of other attractions such as Ely Cathedral, Newmarket Races and various wildlife parks and stately homes. Cambridge is also within easy reach of the beautiful Broads and coastlines of Norfolk and Suffolk.

## Relocation Support

The University recognises the importance of helping individuals to move and settle into a new area. We provide support and guidance to those relocating internationally or domestically to take up a post at the University of Cambridge, liaising with other University offices and selected partners to ensure comprehensive relocation support is available. This includes: accommodation, childcare, schools, banking, immigration and transport. If you would like further information, please visit <https://www.accommodation.cam.ac.uk/RelocationService/>. The Shared Equity Scheme and the Reimbursement of Relocation Expenses Scheme provide financial assistance to qualifying new members of staff with the costs of relocating to Cambridge.

## Accommodation Service

The University Accommodation Service helps staff, students and visiting scholars who are affiliated to the University in their search for suitable accommodation in Cambridge. The dedicated accommodation team can provide access to a wide range of University-owned furnished and unfurnished properties, and has a database of private sector accommodation available for short and long-term lets. For further information and to register with this free service please visit <https://www.accommodation.cam.ac.uk/>



# What Cambridge can offer

**We offer a comprehensive reward package to attract, motivate and retain high performing staff at all levels and in all areas of work.**

The University offers a wide range of competitive benefits, from family leave entitlement, to shopping and travel discount schemes. Our generous annual leave package contributes to the positive wellbeing of our University employees. Sabbatical leave enables academics to focus on research and scholarship, whilst still maintaining their full salary. The University also has a [career break scheme](#) for academic and academic-related staff, with additional flexible working policies for all other staff.

## Pay and benefits

The University salary structure includes automatic service-related pay progression in many of its grades and an annual cost of living increase. In addition to this, employees are rewarded for outstanding contribution through a number of regular pay progression schemes. The University offers attractive pensions schemes for employees, with an additional benefit of a salary exchange arrangement providing tax and national insurance savings.



## CAMbens employee benefits

The University offers employees a wide range of competitive benefits, known as CAMbens. CAMbens offers something for everyone across a range of categories, including:

- Financial Benefits, including shopping discounts (both local and national) and a Payroll Giving scheme;
- Relocation and Accommodation Benefits, including relocation assistance and interest-free Rental Deposit Loans;
- Travel Benefits, including Cycle to Work, discounts on train season tickets and interest-free Travel to Work loans;
- Family Friendly and Lifestyle Benefits, including support with childcare and family friendly policies;
- Health and Wellbeing Benefits, including a University Staff Counselling Service, discounts at the University Sports Centre, and other local gyms, and healthcare schemes.



# What Cambridge can offer

## Family-friendly policies

The University recognises the importance of supporting its staff. We have a range of family-friendly policies to aid employees' work-life balance including a generous maternity, adoption and shared parental leave entitlement of 18 weeks full pay, and paid emergency leave for parents and carers.

Other family-friendly support includes:

Our highly regarded workplace nurseries, a childcare salary exchange scheme and a high quality holiday Playscheme may be available to help support University employees with caring responsibilities (subject to demand and qualifying criteria). Further childcare information can be found here:

<https://www.childcare.admin.cam.ac.uk/>

The [Newcomers and Visiting Scholars Group](#) is an organisation within the University run by volunteers whose aim is to help newly arrived wives, husbands, partners and families of Visiting Scholars and members of the University to settle in Cambridge and give them an opportunity to meet local people. The Postdoc Academy supports the postdoctoral community within Cambridge. Further details are available here: <https://www.postdocacademy.cam.ac.uk/>

## Your wellbeing

The University's Sport Centre, Counselling Services and Occupational Health are just some of the support services available to University employees to promote their physical and mental wellbeing. The University delivers The Festival of Wellbeing annually, which is a programme of stimulating talks and activities, which aim to promote wellbeing and good mental and physical health. The University also hosts the [Cambridge Festival](#), which is a great opportunity to get your first taste of public engagement, through volunteering, supporting hands-on activities or proposing a talk.

## Development opportunities

We support new employees to settle in through various activities as well as supporting their professional and career development on an ongoing basis. Our Personal and Professional Development (PPD) team provide development opportunities for all University employees, including face-to-face sessions, online learning modules and webinars. All employees also have unlimited access to LinkedIn Learning to support their development. Both new and existing employees can undertake funded Apprenticeships, which lead to a range of vocational and professional qualifications. We offer reduced staff fees for University of Cambridge graduate courses and the opportunity to attend lectures and seminars held by University departments and institutions. A range of University training providers also offer specialist learning and development in their own areas e.g. teaching and learning, digital literacy, finance, health and wellbeing, safety.



# How to apply

Applications should be submitted online via the University of Cambridge jobs page [www.jobs.cam.ac.uk](http://www.jobs.cam.ac.uk) by clicking “Apply online” in the job advert. You will need an email address to register for our online system.

Conversations about flexible working are encouraged at the University of Cambridge. Please feel free to discuss flexibility prior to applying (using the contact information below) or at interview if your application is successful.

Informal enquiries are welcomed and should be directed to:  
UBS recruitment team

**Email:** [ubsrecruitment@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:ubsrecruitment@admin.cam.ac.uk)