

Laboratory Safety and Industrial Hygiene Officer

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Department: Environmental Health and Safety

Locations: Amherst, MA

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Type: Full-time

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About University of Massachusetts Amherst:

[University of Massachusetts Amherst](#), the flagship campus of the University of Massachusetts system, sits on nearly 1,450-acres in the scenic Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts, 90 miles from Boston and 175 miles from New York City. The campus provides a rich cultural environment in a rural setting close to major urban centers,

Job Description:

Under general supervision of the Chemical Safety Services Manager, the Lab Safety and Industrial Hygiene Officer is an integral member of the department's professional staff who develops, and implements comprehensive laboratory and chemical safety programs and industrial hygiene services for the campus. The incumbent implements safety policies and practices, conducts assessments, and monitors regulatory compliance.

Primary Responsibilities

- Conducts risk assessments of chemical, and other hazardous material, handling procedures and storage practices in all research and teaching laboratories. Inspects laboratory safety systems for proper operation and maintenance. Performs laboratory safety assessments and documents

follow-up corrective actions in a timely manner. Maintains data on assessments and corrective actions. Works closely with faculty, laboratory staff, students & safety coordinators. Resolves any identified health and safety issues with the PI and other lab staff.

- Performs inspection, identification, evaluation, elimination, and control of chemical, physical, biological, environmental and ergonomic health hazards for campus employees. Maintains occupational health programs including hearing conservation, exposure monitoring, respiratory protection, and indoor air quality assessments aimed at prevention of occupational injuries and illness. Performs the maintenance and calibration of EHS industrial hygiene equipment.
- Develops and teaches pertinent seminars, training sessions and workshops for students, faculty and staff on laboratory safety and occupational health. Maintains up to date competency in professional field.
- Works with other team members and management in the development of programs, procedures, and resources to maintain safe work environments including the management and distribution of personal protective equipment. Assists with the receipt, inventorying, and delivery of chemicals on campus. Re-inventory of chemicals in laboratories and updating of databases and laboratory door cards.
- Provides emergency response support (including off hours) for laboratory incidents and campus emergencies. Conducts injury and illness investigations, writes reports and maintains records.

Requirements:

Bachelors degree in Chemistry, Science, Industrial Hygiene or related discipline is required with a minimum of 2 years of directly applicable work experience such as practicing lab & chemical safety, or working in a research laboratory, or a combination; Master's degree in Chemistry, Science, Industrial Hygiene or related field

is preferred with a minimum of 1 year of directly applicable work experience such as practicing lab safety, or working in a research laboratory, or a combination.

Understanding of scientific practices and procedures and knowledge of laboratory/chemical safety principles and practices.

Understanding of the current compliance requirements applicable to specialized research activities and facilities.

Demonstrated ability to educate others in safe work practices and facilitate laboratory trainings.

Establish and maintain productive relationships with a full range of personnel that reflect a strong commitment to customer service and collegiality.

Enthusiastic work ethic and excellent interpersonal skills.

Excellent oral and written communication skills and experience with computing systems.

Ability to work in confined hazardous environments wearing protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus is required.

Valid driver's license required upon hire.

Work some nights and some weekends required.

Professional credentialing such as Certified Industrial Hygienist [CIH] and/or Chemical Hygiene Officer [CHO] preferred upon hire.

Additional Information:

Professional Staff Salary Administration Program
Position Level 27. [Link](#) to the Professional Staff Salary Schedule

On campus applicants are defined as Amherst campus non-student employees.

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Application Instructions:

To apply, submit a resume, cover letter and the names and contact information for 3 professional references by July 23, 2018 in order to ensure consideration; however, applications will be accepted until position has been filled.