Position Title: Research Assistant

Location: St Paul’s Hospital, Vancouver, Canada

Full/Part Time: Part time (15-20 hours/week)


Salary: expected range: $18-$22/hour (dependent on candidate’s experience and qualifications)

Position Summary: A research assistant position with a focus on biobanking is available in the Clinical Laboratory in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at St. Paul’s Hospital under the supervision of principal investigator Dr. Mari DeMarco. The successful applicant will support ongoing projects in the development and application of diagnostics to improve patient care, including COVID-19 related research.

The successful candidate will work at St Paul’s Hospital – please note that this position is NOT for remote/offsite work. The candidate will work in a collaborative clinical research environment, and will interact regularly with researchers, clinicians, and medical laboratory staff.

Work Performed: Under direct supervision of the Principal Investigator, is responsible for biobanking duties including but not limited to:
- Processing, storage and organization of human biofluid and tissue specimens;
- Clinical data collection and data entry;
- Creation, implementation and maintenance of protocols (with guidance from more senior staff);

General lab duties include:
- Setting efficient work plans and timelines
- Coordinating work with other staff
- Collecting and maintaining research and study data, including maintaining a well-documented laboratory notebook
- Assisting with the writing of internal (e.g., ethics) and external documents

Supervision received: Supervision and guidance will be provided primarily by the supervisor and more senior members of the lab.

Qualifications and skills: Candidates must have at minimum a high school diploma and have completed (or are in the 3rd or 4th year of) a Bachelor's program in Chemistry, Biochemistry or a related field. Desired skills include: exceptional organizational skills; high level of attention to detail; ability to work effectively and independently, once trained, and in a team environment. Familiarity with REDCap, biobanking software and clinical ethics will be an asset.

To apply: Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, CV and the names and contact information of three references, as a single PDF document, to mdmrco@mail.ubc.ca

Deadline to apply: 12 PM Friday Oct 16, 2020