The Small Animal Section of the National Centers for Animal Health, 1920 Dayton Avenue, Ames, Iowa, is looking for student workers to assist with animal observations in an ABSL2 level facility. Animal species include traditional laboratory animal species, rabbits, ferrets, poultry, small swine, and a number of aquaculture species such as salmon, fat head minnows, tilapia, etc.

Additionally, we need students to operate cage washers and autoclaves as well as set up caging. Hours are flexible. In general, we like the students to work during our facility's open hours which are 6 am to 6 pm during the week. We also would expect some work to be done over the weekend.

During the school year, we need to limit the amount of time worked to 20 hours per two-week pay period. There is an opportunity to accrue more hours during the summer time. This typically works out to 4 hours on Saturday/Sunday of one week, and 6 hours throughout the week (we are flexible and willing to work with the students' weekday schedules).

Hourly rate is $16.70 per hour.

Benefits include time off and sick leave. Time off is one quarter of a full time employee's time off so 1 hour sick leave and 1 hour annual leave every pay period (every 2 weeks).

Students are encouraged to apply now as the processing of new federal employees takes about two months.

Send resume and cover letter to:

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The position will be open until filled.