

College of Sciences

Palmerston North

Are you an experienced leader in laboratory operations ready to take on a transformative opportunity? We are looking for a high-performing Laboratory Facility Manager to lead the transition, establishment, and ongoing management of the Ngā Huia Building - a flagship, purpose-built laboratory facility supporting cutting-edge veterinary science. This position is based at our Manawatū campus in Palmerston North.

This role offers a unique career milestone - initially managing the seamless relocation of staff, laboratories, and services into the new building by late 2025, then assuming full responsibility for its technical and operational leadership.

You will:

- oversee daily laboratory operations
- maintain compliance with all regulatory and safety standards,
- manage laboratory infrastructure and services
- lead a dedicated team of technical staff who support both research and teaching.

Mō te tūranga - Key responsibilities:

- Coordinate and lead the technical transition into the Ngā Huia Building
- Manage day-to-day laboratory operations including equipment, systems, maintenance and compliance
- Ensure health, safety, and MPI/EPA regulatory standards are met across all activities
- Supervise and develop a team of Laboratory Technicians, fostering excellence in service delivery
- Support academic staff and researchers by ensuring laboratories function efficiently and safely
- Implement operational improvements and sustainable practices to future-proof the facility

Mōhou ake - About you

We are looking for an operationally driven leader who brings:

- a relevant tertiary qualification

- a minimum of five years' laboratory experience, including laboratory management, preferably in a research-intensive environment
- proven experience in managing technical teams and laboratory facilities; including HVAC, chemical and biological safety systems
- in-depth knowledge of New Zealand H&S and laboratory compliance frameworks (e.g., MPI, HSNO)
- familiarity with molecular and health science methodologies; animal research experience is a plus
- strong project and change management capabilities, particularly in transitioning facilities or teams.

Ngā painga o Massey? - Why Massey?

At Massey University's School of Veterinary Science - New Zealand's only veterinary school - you'll contribute to an internationally renowned teaching and research environment. We are committed to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, academic excellence, and creating a culture of collaboration, inclusion and continuous improvement.

You'll have access to:

- world-class facilities and expert colleagues
- generous leave and professional development opportunities
- a supportive and innovative working environment.

This position is a Professional Grade 7, reflective of the salary range \$80,984 - \$113,805 based on skills and experience.

Make your mark on the future of veterinary science. Apply today to lead one of New Zealand's most advanced laboratory facilities.

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For further information and to apply online, visit: <http://masseyunicareers.nga.net.nz>