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Marine Station Technician
Job Information
Hiring Company Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University
Subsidiary Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology
Job ID 1447157
Division Marine Science Section
Industry Education
Company Type Large Company (more than 300 employees) - International Company
Non-Japanese Ratio About half Japanese
Job Type Contract
Location Okinawa Prefecture, Kunigami-gun Onnason
Salary 2.5 million yen ~ 5 million yen
Work Hours 9:00-17:30
Holidays summer vacation, paid vacations, etc
Refreshed April 30th, 2025 07:00
General Requirements
Minimum Experience Level Over 3 years
Career Level Mid Career
Minimum English Level Business Level (Amount Used: English usage about 50%)
Minimum Japanese Level Daily Conversation
Minimum Education Level Bachelor's Degree
Visa Status Permission to work in Japan required

Job Description

The Marine Science Section of the OIST Core Facilities is seaking a highly motivated technician to join the team in

supporting marine science research at OIST. This role will be primarily based in the Marine Science Station opened in 2016 in Seragaki Port. The successful candidate will be expected to assist in all aspects of the section's operation. The primary responsibility is to maintain efficient and reliable operation of the Marine Science Station.

Responsibilities

- 1. Equipment Maintenance and Calibration: Oversee the maintenance, regular calibration, and troubleshooting of section equipment to ensure accurate data collection and operational reliability.
- 2. Vendor and Procurement Support: Work with vendors on equipment maintenance and upgrades, support the procurement of new equipment based on researcher needs, and document specifications.
- 3. Safety and Emergency Preparedness: Ensure a safe working environment by adhering to safety protocols, developing emergency response plans (e.g., for power outages, flooding), and maintaining safety compliance.
- 4. Training and Protocol Development: Develop and maintain training programs, user manuals, and operational protocols for effective use of station equipment and facilities.
- 5. Record Keeping and Data Management: Maintain comprehensive records of research support activities, equipment maintenance, and environmental controls to ensure quality and consistency.
- 6. Consumables and Supplies Management: Monitor and maintain stocks of consumables essential for station operations, ensuring availability for ongoing research.
- 7. Facility and Workspace Organization: Maintain the station as a clean, organized, and efficient workspace to support research activities.
- 8. Marine Animal Husbandry: Assist with the care and maintenance of marine organisms housed at the facility, ensuring their health,
- 9. Interdepartmental Collaboration: Participate in cross-section collaborations within the Core Facilities to support shared goals and research initiatives.
- 10. Other Duties as Assigned: Undertake additional responsibilities as directed by the Section Leader to meet the evolving needs of the station.

Required Skills

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- 1. Background in marine science, aquaculture, and/or aquarium management.
- 2. Ability to learn new skills and to stay at the cutting edge of technology
- 3. Fluency in both English and Japanese.
- 4. Strong problem-solving skills
- 5. Ability to work as part of a team
- 6. Ability to adapt to local culture and a rapidly changing work environment.

Company Description

The Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST ;see www.oist.jp) is a dynamic new graduate university of science and technology in Okinawa Prefecture, Japan. The university is located on 85 hectares of protected forestland overlooking beautiful shoreline and coral reefs. The campus is striking architecturally, and the facilities are outstanding (OIST campus video tour). There are no academic departments, which facilitates multidisciplinary research. Outstanding resources and equipment are provided and managed to encourage easy access and collaboration. English is the official language of the University, and the university research community is fully international, with more than 50 countries represented. OIST is rapidly gaining recognition in the worldwide academic community as a model for excellence in education and research.