



## **Vivarium Supervisor**

\$71,000-\$90,500

[Van Andel Institute \(VAI\)](#), a leading independent biomedical research and science education institute seeking to hire a full-time **Vivarium Supervisor** in our rodent and zebra fish [Vivarium](#) to ensure VAI can continue to provide excellent animal support for our research studies.

VAI is dedicated to determining the epigenetic, genetic, molecular, and cellular origins of cancer, Parkinson's, and other diseases, and translating those findings into effective therapies. The Institute is home to more than 400 scientists and support staff that work in on-site laboratories and in collaborative partnerships that span the globe.

As a Vivarium Supervisor, you will be responsible for supporting rodent and zebra fish research through assisting in the management of VAI's animal facility. Your primary responsibilities will be the day-to-day animal welfare, environmental quality, supplies logistics, work scheduling, training, and performance management of the animal caretaking team. You will be part of an experienced team of professionals who help to ensure VAI remains in compliance with all federal and state regulations and guidelines while also maintaining the high standards of AAALAC accreditation.

### **Your primary responsibilities in this role will be:**

- Scheduling and managing labor distribution. Overseeing husbandry and sanitization practices according to internal SOPs and external regulations.
- Hiring, supervising and training the vivarium staff, focusing on Assistant Laboratory Animal Technicians (ALAT)
- Assisting in the management of the delivery of Vivarium services
- Assuring research activities are in compliance with current policies, regulations, and guidelines governing the care and use of animals, which includes writing and maintaining internal vivarium SOPs
- Maintaining inventory, equipment, facility set-up, and records relating to operations; including purchasing animals and general supplies, ensuring proper functioning of facility equipment, and coordinating equipment repair and maintenance

### **You might be the right person for this role if you have:**

- Critical skillsets to motivate and lead others toward the accomplishment of individual and shared objectives
- Demonstrated ability to train staff in all areas of animal care and laboratory techniques
- A strong commitment to building and maintaining a positive work environment
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Attention to detail
- A Bachelor's degree in a biological or animal science or a related field
- AALAS certification at a LATg level
- 5+ years of related experience working with laboratory animals
- At least 3 years of supervisory experience

### **Training opportunities available in:**

- Developing and updating SOPs for the facility

- Vivarium staff onboarding and training
- Developing operational budgets

### **How to Apply**

- Online application, click below - <https://bit.ly/3TbTCFa>
- Cover Letter indicating why you are interested in this position and how your experience exhibits your qualifications for this role.
- Resume/Curriculum Vitae
- Names and contact information for 3 professional references. References will not be contacted without advance notice.

This position will be open until filled. If you have any difficulty uploading your application or any questions, please email Megan Doerr at [Megan.Doerr@vai.org](mailto:Megan.Doerr@vai.org).

*At Van Andel Institute, the health and safety of our people is our number one priority. As a condition of employment at Van Andel Institute, all employees are required to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. "Full vaccination" is defined as two weeks after both doses of a two-dose vaccine or two weeks since a single-dose vaccine has been administered. We are a drug and alcohol-free employer; all prospective new employees undergo a urinalysis/drug test as part of our pre-employment process.*

*VAI is committed to achieving excellence through increasing diversity. We actively encourage applications from women, persons of color, persons with disabilities, and other underrepresented groups. We are an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act (VEVRAA) Employer.*

### **About Grand Rapids, MI**

Van Andel Research Institute is located in downtown [Grand Rapids, Michigan](#). A remarkable combination of a cosmopolitan atmosphere and small-town warmth, [Grand Rapids](#) is known for its philanthropic and sustainability-driven community. It's fun, affordable and family friendly.

Located on the banks of the Grand River, [Grand Rapids](#) offers all the big-city excitement you'd expect from a million-resident metropolis, featuring hundreds of restaurants and nightspots, theatres, museums, sports and concerts. The safe and clean downtown is surrounded by an eclectic mix of walk-able neighborhoods and natural areas.

With a medical and life sciences industry boom, strong entrepreneurial activity, dedication to green building and living, and innovative employers, Grand Rapids' diverse economy continues to grow, offering endless career opportunities.

This position is located at 333 Bostwick Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, MI. [View the Google Map in full screen.](#)

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