
Auburn University Job Description

Job Title: **DCSITE Instructor, K9 Health and Field Operations** Grade RE13 \$92,400 - \$175,600
Job Code: **ID16**
FLSA status: Exempt
Job Family: Research
Job Function: Disciplinary Research

Job Summary

Reporting to the AUCVM Associate Dean, Research, this position serves as a technical liaison for a diverse research and development team of approximately 30 individuals across Auburn University and multiple external partnering institutions, focusing capabilities on mission driven national security initiatives consistent with the mission of the Detection Canine Science, Technology and Education (DCSITE) program. Collaborates with DCSITE Co-PIs in facilitating program operations and reports to and conveys programmatic guidance from the DCSITE Coordinator and PI.

Essential Functions

1. Serves as Detection Canine Science, Innovation, Technology, & Education (DCSITE) Instructor K9 Health and Field Ops for \$24 million U.S. Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate sponsored contract awarded to Auburn University's Canine Performance Sciences Program.
 2. Serves as technical liaison for DCSITE to Auburn University Information Technology specialists in developing and maintaining data management plans in accordance with AU policy and DCSITE-related data storage, management, and sharing consistent with cybersecurity requirements per the data management plan.
 3. Serves as DCSITE Subject Matter Expert consultant for all topics related to Detection Canine Health and Emergency care, Explosive Material Handling and Safety, Biosecurity, and Disaster Response, and veterinary-related public health emergency response concerns.
 4. Serves as outreach liaison between AU DCSITE and end-user Detection Canine law-enforcement agencies and public emergency responder communities in support of DCSITE program Tasks.
 5. Facilitates establishment of partnerships with federal, state, and local law-enforcement and public emergency responders to enhance DCSITE capabilities in service to the program mission.
 6. Provision of training related to Detection Canine behavior, safe handling and restraint practices, field triage, emergency medical field care / first aid, toxicological hazards, and routine medical care to local, state, territorial, and tribal law enforcement (LSTT) Explosive Detection Canine teams in support of DCSITE Education for Canine and Handler Operations (ECHO) Technology Transfer Seminar series.
 7. Plans, coordinates, and executes Detection Canine health and emergency care training for AU Canine Performance Sciences program staff and DCSITE customers.
 8. Develops best practice guidelines, curricula, and field-expedient protocols related to the health and emergency field care applicable to operational Detection Canines teams.
 9. Develops briefs and providing guidance on Detection Canine health and welfare in writing, presentation and/or orally to state, tribal, territorial, and tribal Law Enforcement Detection Canine agencies.
 10. Directs support of the DCSITE program by ensuring that AAALAC standards and Animal Welfare Act requirements remain in compliance with relevant veterinary regulations and laws regarding use of animals in research environments.
 11. Provides technical expertise, guidance, and direction to ensure the overall effectiveness and safe
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handling of explosive materials used in research and training operations by ensuring DCSITE explosive safety program remains in compliance university policies, standards, and guidelines.

12. Assists with the handling, storage, security, accountability, and inventory of DSCITE-provided explosive materials. •Serves as Veterinary and Explosive safety liaison and subject matter expert to advise, consult, and provide technical support and guidance to Detection Canine local, state, Tribal and Territorial law enforcement agencies. Provides initial and annual refresher training in explosive safety to personnel tasked to support the DCSITE program.

Supervisory Responsibility

May be responsible for training, assisting or assigning tasks to others. May provide input to performance reviews of other employees.

The above essential functions are representative of major duties of positions in this job classification. Specific duties and responsibilities may vary based upon departmental needs. Other duties may be assigned similar to the above consistent with the knowledge, skills and abilities required for the job. Not all of the duties may be assigned to a position.

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Minimum Required Education and Experience

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Focus of Education/Experience</u>
Education	Bachelor's Degree	No specific discipline.
Experience (yrs.)	10	10 years of strong canine operations experience in the government or private sector.

Substitutions allowed for Education:

Indicated education is required; no substitutions allowed.

Substitutions allowed for Experience:

Indicated experience is required; no substitutions allowed.

Minimum Required Knowledge

Certification or Licensure Requirements

None Required. Must be a United States Citizen. Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification or "Associate in Project Management Certification desired.

Pre-Employment Screening Requirements

Physical Requirements/ADA

Occasional and/or light lifting required. Limited exposure to elements such as heat, cold, noise, dust, dirt, chemicals, etc., but none to the point of being disagreeable. May involve minor safety hazards where likely result would be cuts, bruises, etc.

Routine deadlines; usually sufficient lead time; variance in work volume seasonal and predictable; priorities can be anticipated; some interruptions are present; involves occasional exposure to demands and pressures from persons other than immediate supervisor.

Job frequently requires walking, sitting, talking, hearing, .

Job occasionally requires standing, reaching, and lifting up to 10 pounds.

Vision requirements: Ability to see information in print and/or electronically.

Date: 8/17/2023
