

Biosafety Officer

RPC is a research and technology organization (RTO), with the core mission to harness science and technology in the service of innovation, and to build economic competitiveness. In business since 1962, we serve over 1000 clients annually from our locations in Fredericton, Moncton, and St. George, New Brunswick.

We are recruiting to fill 1 full-time position for a Biosafety Officer. Based in Fredericton, RPC's new Biosafety Officer will work closely with the CSO, COO, and Departmental Directors. The Biosafety Officer is responsible for overseeing the development, implementation, and coordination of RPC's comprehensive biological safety program at all three of RPC's locations.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- A BSc, MSc or PhD in Biology, Microbiology, Molecular Biology, Virology or another related field (MSc or PhD preferred).
- 3-5 years' experience as a biosafety officer in a diverse, applied scientific setting
- Thorough knowledge of applicable federal, provincial and municipal legislation, standards and guidelines
- Thorough understanding of safe methods for manipulating, studying, culturing, and containing infectious agents and biological hazards
- RBSO designation with the Canadian Association for Biological Safety is considered an asset
- Outstanding communication style and interpersonal abilities; consummate team player

RESPONSIBILITIES

Specifically, the Biosafety Officer:

- Possesses sound knowledge of regulations, guidelines, and policies relevant to biosafety. These include:
 - The Canadian Biosafety Standard and Biosafety Handbook
 - PHAC containment level 2 standards
 - Human Pathogen and Toxins Act/Regulations
 - CFIA Aquatic Containment level 2 requirements
 - Transport of Dangerous Goods regulations
- Tracks changes to provincial and/or federal biosafety legislation, advises the organization of upcoming changes, and works to ensure organization-wide compliance.
- Inspects laboratory facilities for compliance with regulations and guidelines.
- Advises on waste disposal policy.
- Develops and implements emergency response procedures for incidents involving biohazardous agents and materials.
- Develops medical surveillance criteria for activities involving biohazards materials.
- Participates in various internal and external committees and task forces.
- Oversees obtaining licenses/consent as required by legislation for work involving biohazardous materials.
- Ensures relevant documentation and materials are updated, reviewed regularly and are compliant with regulations and RPC policies.
- Oversees applications of import and export permits related to level 2 work as well as other relevant licenses (PHAC, CFIA, AQCL2, etc).
- Assists team leaders with assessing training needs for those working with biological agents.
- Coordinates and monitors the delivery of biosafety education, policies and training to RPC staff.

Salary for this position will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. RPC offers a generous compensation package including pension plan, employee assistance program, top up for Maternity Leave, Pro-Rated Salary Leave, Wellness rebate program and much more.

APPLY

Please email a covering letter and résumé quoting reference **#BSO0122** to careers@rpc.ca on or before **January 19, 2022**.

Review of applications will begin as soon as possible and will proceed until a suitable candidate is identified. We thank you for your response, however, only those applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted.

RPC is committed to the principles of employment equity and diversity.

