The Clinical Pathology section of the Animal Health Laboratory has 3 on-call technician positions available for 1st or 2nd year veterinary students. On-call technicians are called in to analyze urgent blood samples for the OVCHSC when the AHL is closed.

The schedule of work is one night per week and every fourth weekend. The technician is paid for the time spent in the lab and for one hour of work (even if she or he is not called in). When needed, shift trades are allowed to accommodate academic and extra-curricular commitments.

On-call duties are as follows:

- Respond to the OVC phone call and collect the blood samples from the OVC clinic.
- Use the hematology analyzer to process a mammalian CBC sample.
- Prepare a blood smear and use a microscope to complete the blood smear leukocyte differential and check the platelet count.
- Use a Vetscan rotor to provide biochemistry results.
- Prepare cytology slides for future review by a clinical pathologist.
- Deliver the results back to the OVC clinic.

Additionally, on-call technicians are required to use OMNI-Assistant, the AHL’s document control module, to read assigned test method and safety related standard operating procedures and policies.

This is an opportunity to learn more about the laboratory side of veterinary medicine, work in an organization with an outstanding quality assurance program, improve your hematology skills, and provide a valuable service to the OVCHSC.

Candidates must be rabies vaccinated and be available to work this summer and through the next academic year. Training can start immediately or after exams.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity, contact Helen Kocmarek, Clinical Pathology technical supervisor at hkocmare@uoguelph.ca or 519-824-4120 ext. 54619.