



**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Technical Services Division**

Associate Technician

The Need

APA is recruiting for a qualified Associate Technician to participate in conducting lab research work that includes testing, data acquisition, analysis, and preparation of test samples for engineered wood products.

Typical responsibilities will include:

- Maintains, calibrates, and operates test equipment under the direction of a project leader or the TSD management.
- Prepares test specimens under the direction of the supervisor. Maintains orderly and accurate records of work.
- Assists the supervisor in the design and construction of new test equipment, test jigs, or related items necessary to the operation of the laboratory.
 - Assumes responsibility as assigned for setting up test equipment conducting tests and recording data.
 - Maintains records as directed of equipment operation, test results, and other necessary information within the scope of the assigned research project.
 - Performs calculations necessary in the reduction of raw test data using office calculators or desktop computers under professional supervision.
 - Follows accident prevention programs, works safely, and maintains a clean work area.
 - Follows a maintenance program on all laboratory equipment and performs such other general maintenance as may be assigned.
 - Maintains inventory of necessary supplies and orders new supplies as needed.

The Requirements

- HS degree or equivalent. Some vocational or technical training preferred.
- 1-2 years related shop/laboratory/construction experience preferred.
- Experience operating table, radial arm, and band saws. Welding experience a plus.
- Experience with computers. Microsoft Excel experience a plus.
- Recent forklift experience.
- A valid WA driver's license and a clean driving record.
- Ability to lift 50 – 75 lbs. on a routine basis.

• All staff hired after July 30, 2021, must provide acceptable evidence of Covid vaccination or acceptable evidence of initiation of the vaccination process prior to start date unless they are exempt by federal, state, or local mandate.

APA complies with provisions established by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The Employer

APA was founded 1933 in Tacoma, Washington, as the Douglas Fir Plywood Association. Its name changed to American Plywood Association in 1964 with the introduction of southern pine plywood. The name was changed again in 1994 to APA – The Engineered Wood Association to reflect the geographic range (both U.S. and Canada) and product mix more accurately (plywood, oriented strand board, wood I-joists, glulam timber, structural composite lumber) of its members. The Research Center at the present campus in West Tacoma opened in 1969. The headquarters office building on the same campus opened in 1979.

APA offers competitive compensation and a comprehensive benefits program including health, life, and LTD insurance, paid leave and holidays, a 401(k)-retirement program, Long Term Care coverage as well as others.

For confidential consideration, qualified applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to hr@apawood.org. We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those under consideration for the role will be contacted.

If you require reasonable accommodation in completing the application process, interviewing, or otherwise participating in the employee selection process, please direct your inquiries to the Human Resources Manager by email at hr@apawood.org or by mail to HR Manager, 7011 S 19th St, Tacoma WA 98466.

For more information about APA, please visit our website at www.apawood.org.

APA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.