

**Name:**

Annette Winter

**Job title:**

Technical Assistant, Institute for Experimental Immunology, University Hospital Bonn

Our team considers teamwork to be essential. Only then does work become fun! 🧑🏫🧑🏫

**Career:**

I got my educational background as a technical assistant in the field of biology. I did a dual education in a school specialized for biological technical assistants (BTA). After my education, I've worked in a diagnostics lab specialized in organ transplantation for two years. Since then, I have been working in an institute for basic biomedical research – the Institute for Experimental Immunology.

**Responsibilities:**

I am in charge responsible for basically keeping the lab running and conducting experiments. My Lab duties are keeping the lab clean, filling up reagents, ordering lab related things and introducing new employees of the lab to the techniques they need to know. I am in charge for some of the lab equipment – something is broken, I contact the company and organize the repairing routine. Furthermore, I plan and conduct experiments. The background of the experiments are established by the head of the laboratory and I schedule and plan when and how to conduct them. As a senior technician, I analyze the experiments afterwards and present the data to our head of the laboratory.

**Essential skills in my job:**

- organizational skills: planning to conduct experiments, keeping an eye on the budget and having an overview of all the lab reagents and lab equipment
- ability to work in a team and cooperation skills
- problem-solving skills
- precision

**What I need to know in my job:**

- technical knowledge: knowledge regarding equipment, techniques and reagents
- knowledge of administrative tasks, e.g. ordering new reagents or equipment

**University Hospital Bonn**

The University Hospital (Universitätsklinikum Bonn, UKB) of Bonn is one of the leading hospitals in both Germany and abroad. The medical centre in the former capital of Germany is worldwide recognized for advanced medical care, particularly for the treatment of complex disorders. It offers the whole spectrum of modern state-of-the-art medicine. Specialists from various fields in different departments cooperate closely to guarantee the best medical services for the patients. The hospital is situated on the Venusberg, in an area rich in forests and outdoor nature, overlooking the romantic Rhine valley.

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## **Technical Assistant Annette Winter, University Hospital Bonn**

“Hi, my name is Annette Winter. I`m 23 years old and I work as a technical assistant at the Institute for Experimental Immunology at the University Hospital in Bonn.

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Organizational skills, such as planning to conduct experiments, keeping an eye on the budget and having an overview of all the lab reagents and lab equipment, are essential for my job. The ability to work in a team and cooperation skills are just as important as having good problem solving skills and being meticulous.

My job requires good knowledge regarding the equipment, techniques and reagents used in our laboratory. Moreover, knowledge of administrative tasks, such as ordering new reagents or equipment, is very important as well.”

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