Join Australian Butterfly Sanctuary as a Laboratory Assistant – Unveil the Secrets of Nature's Laboratory

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Do you have a passion for nature, conservation and laboratory science? Join the CaPTA Group's Laboratory team at the Australian Butterfly Sanctuary, where you will contribute to butterfly breeding and laboratory operations while helping educate and inspire guests from around the world. Through laboratory support, conservation activities and guest engagement, you will play an important role in showcasing the fascinating life cycle of butterflies and promoting environmental awareness and sustainability.

About the Role
As a Laboratory Assistant, you will support the day-to-day operation of the laboratory while contributing to educational and engaging visitor experiences. The role combines laboratory work, conservation activities and guest interaction, providing opportunities to share knowledge about butterfly life cycles, breeding processes, tropical ecosystems, conservation and sustainability.

Key Responsibilities:

- Assist with the day-to-day operation of the laboratory, ensuring accuracy, cleanliness and attention to detail
- Support butterfly breeding, rearing and laboratory processes in accordance with established procedures
- Monitor and maintain laboratory equipment, workspaces and materials to required standards
- Share knowledge about butterfly life cycles, laboratory activities and conservation initiatives with guests
- Respond to visitor enquiries and contribute to memorable and educational guest experiences
- Work collaboratively with team members to support the smooth operation of laboratory and visitor areas
- Maintain high standards of workplace health, safety and biosecurity practices
- Contribute positively to a professional, supportive and high-performing team environment

About You You'll bring:

- Previous experience or education in laboratory operations is preferred
- Exceptional attention to detail and strong observational skills
- A genuine interest in nature, butterflies and conservation
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills with the ability to engage visitors of all ages
- A positive attitude, a good sense of humour and a proactive approach to work
- A current driver's licence
- Availability to work a flexible roster (Monday-Sunday), including weekends, school holidays and public holidays
- Permanent residency within the Kuranda/Cairns region
- An understanding of workplace health and safety protocols

Desirable (optional but recommended):

- Experience in wildlife, tourism, laboratory or conservation-based environments
- Knowledge or enthusiasm for butterflies, moths and native flora
- Experience presenting information to visitors or educational groups
- Hold and maintain current First Aid and CPR certification or willingness to obtain shortly after commencement

Why Join Us?

- Be part of a passionate and supportive team
- Work in a unique environment dedicated to conservation and education
- Ongoing training and career development opportunities
- Industry famil trips and exclusive company events
- Discounts across all CaPTA Group attractions
- Access to our Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Apply Now

If you're passionate about conservation, nature and creating meaningful guest experiences, we'd love to hear from you. Please submit your resume and a cover letter outlining your suitability for the role. Applications without a cover letter will not be considered.

Join Australian Butterfly Sanctuary and become a guardian of nature's laboratory, uncovering the mysteries of butterfly life for our cherished visitors.