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Pharmacology Assistant (Letters of September 16, 1963)
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The position of Pharmacology Assistant is one member of a general class of technician assistants who have their B.S. or B.A. degree. At the time the nonmedical positions of the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry were created, the class of personnel below the M.S. level was not described since some existing positions in the State service, especially in psychology, were considered possibly adequate. Indeed, this has been true in the one appointment recently recommended for an assistant to Dr. Garfield.

However, the assistant in pharmacology requires specifications which are for a B.S. (B.A.), with a strong science background, generally in Biology, Pharmacology or Physiology. A degree in Pharmacy is not relevant. The specifications of a Medical Laboratory Technician II are too restrictive, specifying a person with drug laboratory training.

It is my recommendation that a new class be created in the section of nonmedical positions, with specifications as attached. This class should be called Research Assistant with a specification in biochemistry, pharmacology, physiology, experimental psychology, neurology, etc.

The suggested basic salary range schedule should be in the class 33, (\$427 - \$572).

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