



Fall 2021 & Spring 2022

Forklift Driver Position

Center for Packaging and Unit Load Design
Virginia Tech



Description: The Center for Packaging and Unit Load Design is one of the most experienced research centers in the area of package, pallet and unit load design. The Center's lab opened in 1976 and since then, we have been actively involved in the development of various ISO, ASTM, and MHIA standards to make the transportation of goods more environmentally friendly and more economical. Our facilities feature a comprehensive pallet and packaging testing lab and material handling equipment found in warehouses. The Center's team includes experts in packaging, palletization, material handling and unit load design, who perform contract testing services, continuous education short courses, and industry research. Research at CPULD focuses on the development of systems-based technologies to optimize the relationship between the design and performance of unit loads and maximize the efficiency of the whole system.

Position: The Center is looking for part-time workers to conduct durability simulations using an industrial forklift. The position will require following a predefined set of handling steps using a forklift. It requires the ability to take photographs and enter and upload data on an iPad. These simulations often will require work in an unconditioned space and/or the running of tests outside. This particular position is for the 2021-2022 school year - starting mid-August 2021 and lasting through mid-May 2022. There is the possibility of this position lasting longer if the students hired wish to work throughout the summer semesters. We will provide all necessary training and the pay rate is \$15.00 per hour.

Responsibilities:

- Operate industrial forklift
- Follow standard operating procedures
- Take report-quality pictures
- Enter data on an iPad
- Applicants need to be able to work independently, have a positive attitude, ability to flourish in an independent work environment, possess a strong work ethic and strong data collection skills.
- All candidates should be able lift 50 lbs. and be able to work on their feet in an industrial environment.
- Will need to pass the safety trainings required by EHS at Virginia Tech.
- Fork lift drivers must wear appropriate personal protective equipment at all times.
- Previous experience driving forklifts is preferred.

Requirements: Previous experience driving forklifts is preferred. Applicants will need to commit to 16-20 hours per week, in 4-hour blocks anytime between 8am and 9pm, for the full 2021-2022 school year. The scheduled hours will be reevaluated at the beginning of each semester in order to accommodate student academic commitments. The most important credentials for an applicant are punctuality, accuracy, and enthusiasm for the mission of the Center.

Application Process: Please send your resume and a 1-page cover letter outlining how your skills could help the Center and how participating in the program could help you achieve your career goals.