

# Assistant Professor of Cooperative Extension for Rural Community Disaster Preparedness (RCDP)

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## APPLICATION WINDOW

**Open date:** July 18th, 2022

**Next review date:** Thursday, Sep 15, 2022 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Apply by this date to ensure full consideration by the committee.

**Final date:** Monday, Jul 17, 2023 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Applications will continue to be accepted until this date, but those received after the review date will only be considered if the position has not yet been filled.

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

The University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, a statewide program with local delivery, in collaboration with the School of Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis, seeks a full time Assistant Professor of Cooperative Extension (100%) in the area of rural and agricultural community disaster preparedness to protect Californian's diverse companion animal and livestock species through extension teaching (education and training outreach activities), applied research and other creative work, and service. The successful candidate will collaborate closely with colleagues in the School, across the University, and within the network of UC Cooperative Extension who work on services that improve preparation, response, and recovery from disasters like floods, droughts, wildfires, disease outbreaks, disruption of supply or marketing chains or daily operations that affect Californians and their companion and domestic animals.

**SALARY:** Dependent on qualifications and experience

**QUALIFICATIONS:** DVM or equivalent degree is required. Advanced training and/or board certification in an appropriate discipline is desirable, (e.g., internal medicine, critical care, epidemiology or preventive medicine, infectious disease, animal welfare). A valid license to practice veterinary medicine in California is required before employment (California Business and Professions Code Section 4846-4857). Individuals not eligible for a full California license can obtain a University License (California Business and Professions Code Section 4848.1). The successful candidate is required to have demonstrated expertise or appropriate training in disaster related programs, for example, animal health, disease outbreaks, animal rescue, incident command system, animal evacuation and sheltering, preparedness courses, working relationships with first responders, and experience with local, state and/or national agency disaster programs. Demonstrated ability or potential to develop intervention strategies that promote the resilience of communities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural, human-made, or personal disasters is required. Documented evidence of research activity or potential to develop an applied research program in one or more aspects of disaster preparedness or response is required. A record of acquisition of extramural funding or the potential to do so is required. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills and a demonstrated ability to work with others in a collegial team atmosphere are required. Evidence of or potential for leadership and initiative is required. Evidence of, or potential, for extending applied research and conducting outreach education is expected.

This is a 5-year term position, renewable contingent on availability of funding and normative career advancement.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Outreach: Responsibilities include: 1) development and promotion of disaster preparedness programs within the network of UCCE Advisors and Specialists through extension of science-based information on how to strengthen resilience to natural and human-made disasters; 2) conducting workshops and speaking at appropriate events; 3) interacting with livestock and pet owners, consumers, community members, veterinarians, allied professionals and agricultural organizations, environmental and other state and federal agencies, and academic clientele such as UCCE Advisors and AES faculty; 4) acting as a liaison between industry organizations, the public, the University of California, and state and federal agencies; 5) participating in graduate academic programs (MS, PhD, MPVM) within the campus; and 6) development of training courses and publications for lay and peer-reviewed literature.

**Research:** The development of a creative and productive research program on key components of preparedness and resiliency performed independently and collaboratively within the UCCE network (advisors, specialists, AES faculty, etc.) with funding from extramural sources, is a fundamental and indispensable requirement of the position. The successful candidate will develop an applied research program in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery focusing on the welfare and health of companion and livestock species. Areas of emphasis could include: new approaches, training modalities, information technology, and forecasting that improves best practices for prevention-response-recovery from the various disasters impacting rural and agricultural communities throughout California particularly in light of climate change; surveillance data needed to maintain business continuity for animal agriculture during disease outbreaks; improving disaster preparedness of owners and volunteers and mitigating threats posed by disasters to animals during and following disasters, such as immediate and long-term health impacts.. Areas of emphasis will be based on an evaluation of the needs of communities at risk of disasters and agencies or other entities responding to disasters or who are involved in recovery from disasters. This individual will provide leadership in directing research

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projects of professional and graduate students. Publication of results in peer-reviewed professional and scientific journals and appropriate UCCE outlets is required.

Service: University and public service through committee work, participation in professional organizations, continuing education and other appropriate means is required. Engagement with the leadership of the School of Veterinary Medicine's CVET emergency response team is required. Providing field services to animals injured during disasters is optional.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** To receive fullest consideration, applications must be submitted by 9/15/2022 (IRD) position open until filled. Interested applicants should submit the following materials: 1) a letter of intent outlining special interest in the position, overall related qualifications and experience and career goals; 2) curriculum vitae; 3) a statement of research; 4) a statement of extension and outreach; 5) a statement summarizing experience and professional contributions in the area of equity and diversity; 6) the names and addresses of four professional references. Application materials must be submitted by using the University's online submission program, and

Questions should be referred to:

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The University of California, Davis and the Departments of Population Health and Reproduction and Veterinary Medicine and Epidemiology, School of Veterinary Medicine, are interested in candidates who are committed to the highest standards of scholarship and professional activities, and to the development of a campus climate that supports equality and diversity. The University of California is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Davis is a smoke and tobacco free campus. UC Davis supports family friendly recruitments; <https://academicaffairs.ucdavis.edu/work-life>.

## QUALIFICATIONS

**Basic qualifications** (required at time of application)

-DVM or equivalent degree is required.

-Advanced training and/or board certification in an appropriate discipline is desirable, (e.g., internal medicine, critical care, epidemiology or preventive medicine, infectious disease, animal welfare).

-Expertise or appropriate training in disaster related programs, for example, animal health, disease outbreaks, animal rescue, incident command system, animal evacuation and sheltering, preparedness courses, working relationships with first responders, and experience with local, state and/or national agency disaster programs.

-Ability or potential to develop intervention strategies that promote the resilience of communities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural, human-made, or personal disasters is required.

-Evidence of research activity or potential to develop an applied research program in one or more aspects of disaster preparedness or response is required.

-A record of acquisition of extramural funding or the potential to do so is required.

-Excellent interpersonal and communication skills and a demonstrated ability to work with others in a collegial team atmosphere are required.

-Evidence of or potential for leadership and initiative is required.

**Additional qualifications** (required at time of start)

-Valid license to practice veterinary medicine in California is required before employment (California Business and Professions Code Section 4846-4857). -- Individuals not eligible for a full California license can obtain a University License (California Business and Professions Code Section 4848.1).

**Preferred qualifications**

-Evidence of, or potential, for extending applied research and conducting outreach education is expected.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

**Document requirements**

- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Letter of Intent - Outline special interest in the position, overall related qualifications and experience and career goals.
- Statement of Research
- Statement of Contributions to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - Contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion documented in the application file will be used to evaluate applicants. Visit <https://academicaffairs.ucdavis.edu/faculty-equity-and-inclusion> for guidelines about writing a statement and why one is requested.
- Statement of extension and outreach

**Reference requirements**

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- 4 required (contact information only)

Names and addresses of four professional references

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## CAMPUS INFORMATION

UC Davis is a smoke and tobacco-free campus (<http://breathefree.ucdavis.edu/>).

We are an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer, and particularly encourage applications from members of historically underrepresented racial/ethnic groups, women, individuals' with disabilities, veterans, LGBTQ community members, and others who demonstrate the ability to help us achieve our vision of a diverse and inclusive community. For the complete University of California nondiscrimination and affirmative action policy see:

<http://policy.ucop.edu/doc/4000376/NondiscrimAffirmAct>

Under Federal law, the University of California may employ only individuals who are legally able to work in the United States as established by providing documents as specified in the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. Certain UC Davis positions funded by federal contracts or sub-contracts require the selected candidate to pass an E-Verify check. More information is available at: <http://www.uscis.gov/e-verify>

The University of California, Davis (UC Davis) is committed to inclusive excellence by advancing equity, diversity and inclusion in all that we do. UC Davis celebrates the multi-cultural diversity of its community by creating a welcoming and inclusive environment demonstrated through a variety of resources and programs available to academics, staff, and students. Diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging are core values of UC Davis that are embedded within our [Principles of Community](#) and are tied with how to best serve our student population. Our excellence in research, teaching, and service can best be fully realized by members of our academic community who share our commitment to these values, which are included in our [Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Vision](#), our strategic plan: "To Boldly Go," our Principles of Community, the [Office of Academic Affairs' Mission Statement](#), and the [UC Board of Regents Policy 4400: Policy on University of California Diversity Statement](#). UC Davis is making important progress towards our goal of achieving federal designation as a [Hispanic-Serving Institution and an Asian American, Native American, and Pacific Islander-Serving Institution](#). The [Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#) offers a plethora of resources on their website, and the [Office of Health Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion \(HEDI\)](#) has outlined similar goals in their Anti-Racism and DEI Action Plan." There are a plethora of links available on the [About Us](#) webpage where you can learn more about our Administration, Diversity and Inclusion, Rankings, Locations, Native American Land Acknowledgement, Sustainability, Visiting UC Davis, UC Davis Health, and Campus Safety.

The university is consistently ranked among the top institutions in the world for campus sustainability practices by the [UI Green Metric World University Rankings](#). UC Davis is focused on achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions and repeatedly shown its [commitment to preserving a healthy and sustainable environment for generations to come](#).

As a condition of employment, you will be required to comply with the University of California [SARS-CoV-2 \(COVID-19\) Vaccination Program Policy](#). All Covered Individuals under the policy must provide proof of Full Vaccination or, if applicable, submit a request for Exception (based on Medical Exemption, Disability, and/or Religious Objection) or Deferral (based on pregnancy) no later than the applicable deadline. New University of California employees should refer to Appendix F, Section II.C. of the policy for applicable deadlines. (Capitalized terms in this paragraph are defined in the policy.) Federal, state, or local public health directives may impose additional requirements.

## JOB LOCATION

Davis, CA