

NOTICE OF VACANCY
Assistant/Associate Professor, Tenure Track
Veterinary Extension and Epidemiology of Agricultural Animal Food Systems
Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences
Washington State University, College of Veterinary Medicine
Pullman, Washington

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The Washington State University (WSU) Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences (VCS) in Pullman, WA seeks to fill a tenure-track, permanent, full-time, 12-month position in Agriculture Animal Population Health Program. The position is offered at the Assistant or Associate rank, depending upon qualifications, and is available immediately.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The position will actively engage in outreach to agricultural animal producers and employees, veterinary practitioner colleagues, and the statewide network of Extension educators and must work collaboratively with a diverse constituency. This outreach may include small and large group meetings, on-farm programs, development of new outreach media including engagement through internet, SMS, and applications for mobile phone and other mobile devices. An important element of these Extension activities is outcome and impact assessment. It is expected that these Extension programs intersect with the faculty member's research and support on-going research in the Agriculture Animal Population Health Program. The successful applicant will serve as an important liaison with the agricultural animal industries.

The position will also actively engage in scholarly pursuits in association with the Agriculture Animal Population Health Program, Field Disease Investigation and Food and Waterborne Disease Unit. These include participation as a collaborative and lead scientist on projects within the priority areas that intersect food animal production, food systems, and society. These areas may include but are not restricted to safe food, antimicrobial resistance, animal well-being, and food system assessment. It is envisioned that this program will consist of an applied, collaborative and multi-disciplinary research program. There is an expectation to obtain extramural support for collaborative applied research, preferably at the population level, and engage professional and graduate students in these activities.

Additionally, the position will actively engage in the education and training mission of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Clinical Sciences. This encompasses epidemiology instruction in the Veterinary College Professional, Graduate, and Undergraduate curriculum. These activities are expected to be shared assignments and the level of involvement in these activities will depend on the instructional needs of the college.

QUALIFICATIONS: The candidate must possess a D.V.M. or equivalent degree (such as BVSc) and a Master's Degree in Veterinary Science or related field, or, a Ph.D. focused on population health or epidemiology by the hire date. An ability to communicate effectively with practitioners and agricultural animal owners is essential. Preferred qualifications include a strong background in agricultural animal health with emphasis on population health of production agricultural animals; and research skills as evidenced by a record of peer reviewed publications consistent with post-DVM training. Candidates for Associate Professor must have served at least six years as assistant professor or equivalent by the hired date.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Review of applications begins February 29, 2016 and will continue until the position is filled. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Applicants are required to submit electronic application including; 1) a cover letter which states candidate's goals; 2) curriculum vitae; 3) a summary of teaching interests and goals; 4) a summary of research interests and goals; and contact information for three (3) letters of recommendation. Letters will be automatically requested and obtained from the reference provider through the WSU online application system. Apply at, www.wsujobs.com. Questions regarding the position may be directed to Dr. Dale A. Moore, Chair of the Search Committee, by email damoore@vetmed.wsu.edu , or by telephone (509)335-7494.

BACKGROUND: The Agricultural Animal Population Health Program consists of individuals engaged in didactic and clinical teaching, research, field investigations and outreach pertaining to important agricultural animal species. Units within the Population Health Program include the Field Disease Investigation Unit and Veterinary Medicine Extension/Outreach. Closely affiliated units include the Veterinary Teaching Hospital Agricultural Animal Medicine Service, Theriogenology Service, the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, the Food and Waterborne Disease Research Unit, the Paul G. Allen School for Global Animal Health, the Animal Health Research Center, the USDA Animal Disease Research Unit, and the College of Agriculture, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences with WSU Extension. These units have a history of highly successful collaboration in interactive field and laboratory based research programs, diagnostics, and implementation of disease control methods. The mission of the Agriculture Animal Population Health Program is to provide service and outreach to agricultural animal producers and veterinarians, train future agricultural animal veterinarians and researchers, investigate animal and zoonotic diseases and production inefficiencies in livestock populations, and address animal health and performance questions.

Washington State University is a PAC-12 university and land-grant institution with an enrollment of approximately 27,000 students. The WSU Agricultural Research Center and WSU Extension maintain a strong presence throughout the state through the efforts of the outlying Research and Extension Centers and a strong county extension faculty. The University of Idaho, also a land grant university, is located in Moscow, Idaho, 8 miles from the Pullman campus. These communities offer a friendly, small-town living environment and access to a rich assortment of cultural, recreational and athletic attractions. Pullman combines a mild climate, clean air, good schools, affordable homes, and a low crime rate. Pullman (population 30,000) is about 75 miles south of Spokane, Washington, and lies close to recreational areas in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and British Columbia. To learn more about the Pullman community, visit: www.pullmanchamber.com.

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