

Poultry Diagnostician

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Located at the Minnesota Poultry Testing Laboratory (Willmar, MN)

Position: The University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine invites applications for a Poultry disease field investigator position in the area of poultry health and well-being at the interface of animals, humans and the environment. This position will be an annually renewable faculty position at the rank of Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor. The final rank and terms of appointment will depend on the qualifications and experience of the selected candidate consistent with Collegiate and University policies.

Requirements: Required qualifications include: A DVM/VMD or equivalent degree with a background in poultry systems. Relevant fields include, but are not limited to, veterinary medicine, infectious diseases, pathology, epidemiology, microbiology, immunology, and/or poultry science. Experience and ability to work with culturally diverse groups of people and excellent communication skills are required.

Preferred qualifications include Poultry field investigative experience (e.g. industry, regulatory or academic poultry field experience) and/or demonstrated poultry diagnostic capability (e.g. board certification) and research training (e.g. MS or PhD).

Duties: The Poultry disease field investigator position includes combined service and outreach duties. This is a new contract faculty position intended to expand the support of Minnesota's poultry industry at the Minnesota Poultry Testing Laboratory (MPTL), a satellite laboratory of the VDL. The MPTL, conducts testing for the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) poultry serology and bacteriology, and is the center for management of Board of Animal Health (BAH) poultry programs. The MPTL also performs fee for testing services. The Poultry Diagnostician will be expected to expand the scope of diagnostic testing available at the MPTL. The Poultry Diagnostician will also have access to resources at the VDL in St. Paul at the College of Veterinary Medicine.

This new faculty member will work with the poultry industry, the VDL and the BAH to investigate disease, productivity and welfare issues in a wide variety of farm and associated settings, e.g., hatcheries. This new faculty member will facilitate and collaborate in research in the broadly defined area of poultry health management in production environments and disseminate information to stakeholders. The candidate will join an interdisciplinary team of poultry researchers and veterinarians and will be expected to develop a field investigation service that is relevant to poultry health at the interface of animals, humans and the environment. This position will have reporting lines to the VDL and the BAH and will have oversight of laboratory testing to ensure integration with laboratory sections of the VDL.

This position will be located in the newly renovated MPTL in Willmar, MN, which is situated in close proximity to poultry production in Minnesota as well as private and UMN poultry research facilities. With a newly renovated facility, additional diagnostic capacity will include PCR testing, post mortem capabilities and telepathology equipment to link the MPTL to the avian pathologists at the VDL.

Teaching will include educational outreach programs and participation in graduate programs consistent with the expertise and interest of the candidate. There will be additional opportunities to teach (lectures and laboratories) to graduate students, residents, and DVM students. Opportunities to participate in collaborative research may also be available. Suggested effort allocation will be ~90% service and ~10% teaching/outreach/scholarly activities.

The Veterinary Population Medicine Department is the academic home for this faculty position. The College of Veterinary Medicine is located on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota and has a reputation for excellence in basic and translational research programs. Particular research strengths include: genetics, genomics, molecular immunology, and infectious diseases.

Salary: Commensurate with experience and qualifications. The University of Minnesota provides a generous vacation, sick leave, and benefits package.

Begin: Starting date will be when selected candidate is available.

Application: Qualified applicants should apply online at <http://z.umn.edu/poultrydiagnostician> and include a letter of intent, including diversity statement, curriculum vitae, and a list of three references (with contact information) knowledgeable about the candidate's research, teaching and outreach skills. Applicant's diversity statement should address, what contributions exemplify your awareness and sensitivity towards promoting a diverse and inclusive environment? What have you learned working with diverse populations?

Letters of reference should include assessments of the applicant's research abilities, interpersonal skills, and where appropriate, outreach or teaching abilities. Review of applications (including letters of reference) will begin June 20, 2016 and the position will remain open until filled.

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