

**Chair, Department of Infectious Diseases & Immunology  
University of Florida**

The University of Florida (UF) College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) is seeking nominations and applications for Chair of the [Department of Infectious Diseases and Immunology](#) at the rank of Associate or Full Professor. The College has embarked on building a first-of-its-kind veterinary learning health care system that will create exciting opportunities for real world discovery and clinical advancements. As an innovative leader, the new Chair will have the exciting opportunity to contribute towards this mission by developing cross-cutting programs in immunology, infectious diseases, emerging pathogens, and vaccine development and therapeutics. Notably, CVM offers a unique ability to bridge veterinary and human medical sciences with a strong emphasis on One Health.

As the chief administrative officer, the Chair will have overall responsibility for the department including (1) recruitment, mentoring and promotion of faculty, (2) management of departmental budgets, (3) coordination of departmental instructional activities in both the graduate and professional veterinary programs and (4) provision of strong leadership in research, teaching and applicable service activities. In addition, the Chair is expected to serve as the primary departmental liaison with the scientific community in the UF Health Science Center, the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, as well as other UF campus units and the state of Florida at large.

The University of Florida affords a strong, vibrant interdisciplinary environment for collaborative research excellence. The College of Veterinary Medicine is part of the University of Florida Health Science Center which houses six health related colleges (Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health & Health Professions, and Veterinary Medicine). It is the only health science center in the southeast, and one of only three nationally, where all six colleges of health are located on the same campus. The CVM has equally strong ties to the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Together, these alliances create opportunities for vibrant research collaborations that are fostered through campus-wide research [institutes](#) and [centers](#), including the [Emerging Pathogens Institute](#), [Clinical Translational Science Institute](#), [One Health Center of Excellence](#), [Artificial Intelligence](#), [Interdisciplinary Center for Biotechnology Research](#) many others. The UF Veterinary Hospitals bring additional opportunities for clinical/translational research through a diverse and robust caseload of small, large, and exotic animal patients each year. CVM faculty are actively engaged in cross-disciplinary research programs which contribute in part to UF's consistent ranking among the nation's top ten public universities according to US News & World Report. The campus is in Gainesville, a vibrant and growing community that has numerous cultural amenities in a setting with great natural beauty (see <http://www.visitgainesville.com/arts-culture-history/>).

To be considered, applicants must have an earned doctorate (DVM, PhD, MD, or equivalent professional degree). The candidate must have an active and strong record of extramurally funded research, with the potential to collaborate and enhance departmental programs. Documented experience in team building, university instruction, strong

organizational and communication skills as well as a commitment to fostering an environment of community, collegiality, and equal opportunity is necessary. Experience in academic leadership is highly desirable. Rank and salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience of the candidate.

All applicants must apply online through [Careers at UF](#) in order to be considered for the position. Applications for job number 529719 must submit: (1) a cover letter including a statement of the applicant's administrative leadership philosophy, articulated vision and how the candidate's experience supports that vision (2) a curriculum vitae; and (3) the names and contact information of three professional references. Email inquiries to Dr. Subhashinie Kariyawasam, Search Committee Chair [skariyawasam@ufl.edu](mailto:skariyawasam@ufl.edu) are welcome, however for full consideration, applications must be submitted online at <https://explore.jobs.ufl.edu/en-us/job/529719/chair-department-of-infectious-diseases-immunology>. Review of applications will begin on **February 15, 2024** and will continue until the position is filled.

The successful candidate will be required to provide official transcript(s) upon hire. A transcript will not be considered "official" if a designation of "Issued to Student" is visible. Degrees earned from an education institution outside of the United States are required to be evaluated by a professional credentialing service provider approved by National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES), which can be found at <http://www.naces.org/>.

The University of Florida is an equal opportunity institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. If an accommodation due to a disability is needed to apply for this position, please call 352/392-2477 or the Florida Relay System at 800/955-8771 (TDD). Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the US. Searches are conducted in accordance with Florida's Sunshine Law.