

**VACANCY NOTICE FOR FACULTY POSITION IN
VETERINARY AVIAN AND FOOD SAFETY DIAGNOSTICS**

(70% Service/Outreach; 20% Research and Scholarly Activity; 10% Instruction;)

College of Veterinary Medicine, Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory and
Department of Veterinary Microbiology and Pathology,
Washington State University
Pullman, Washington

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Appointment: Full-time, career track.

Salary: Commensurate with training and experience.

Rank: Assistant/Associate Professor

Screening Begins: October 13, 2021

Position Available: November 1, 2021

Definition: This vacancy is for a position in the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (WADDL) and the Department of Veterinary Microbiology and Pathology. Duties will include: a) Branch Chief of the WADDL-Puyallup Laboratory; b) provision of diagnostic service and outreach in avian health, including commercial and backyard poultry, and exotic and wild birds; c) provision of food safety/microbiology diagnostic services; c) small group instruction of fourth year veterinary students in the avian medicine block rotation and post DVM veterinary anatomic pathology and microbiology residents; and d) scholarly activity associated with funded collaborative research and publication of diagnostic case materials. The position is defined as 70% service/outreach, 20% research/ scholarly activity, and 10% clinical teaching.

Responsibilities:

1. Devote primary effort to avian and food safety diagnostics as Branch Chief of the WADDL-Puyallup branch laboratory of the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory located on the campus of the Washington State University Western Washington Research and Extension Center in Puyallup, Washington. Academic home will be in the Department of Veterinary

Microbiology and Pathology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Washington State University located in Pullman, WA along with the WADDL main laboratories. Poultry health and diagnostic efforts will include provision for avian disease diagnosis and health subject matter expertise and overall case coordination for all accessions to WADDL-Puyallup, including supervision of microbiology, molecular diagnostics, and serology staff. Outreach will consist primarily of consultation, communication with and presentations to the poultry industry, backyard and exotic bird owners, and food industry in Washington State, often in conjunction with the Washington State Department of Agriculture and State Veterinarian's office, and Washington State Department of Health. The WADDL-Puyallup laboratory serves as the primary avian health resource for the State of Washington. Together these efforts will total approximately 70%.

2. Devote 20% effort to collaborative research and other scholarly activity, with expectation for creative publication of diagnostic laboratory case information and collaborative research as a primary or collaborating author. The collaborative research component includes effective diagnostic support for investigators throughout the College of Veterinary Medicine and the WSU campuses. There is no expectation to serve as a principal investigator on research grants or develop an independent extramurally funded research program. However, it is strongly encouraged to take advantage of ad hoc opportunities to secure funding from conservation groups, commodity groups for major or minor species, foundations, veterinary organizations and national surveillance networks to augment scholarly activity and job responsibilities. Academic service by participation in laboratory, department and college committees is expected.
3. Devote 10% effort in instruction of fourth year veterinary students enrolled in VM649P, the Avian Medicine Block, and elective course in the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine. Currently this consists of approximately two, two-week blocks, but expansion of this teaching opportunity is possible. Instruction will also include twice yearly guest presentations to post-DVM pathology and microbiology residency students in diagnostic avian medicine. Instructional efforts will comprise approximately 10% of the overall job responsibilities.

Qualifications:

Minimum

1. A DVM (or equivalent degree from an AVMA accredited institution), or AVMA Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates certification
2. Satisfactory completion of a post-DVM residency training program in diagnostic avian medicine

Preferred

1. Advanced degree (M.S. or Ph.D.) in a discipline related to avian/poultry health/medicine/science/food microbiology or similar discipline
2. Diplomate status or board eligibility in the American College of Poultry Veterinarians, American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP), European College of Veterinary Pathologists (ECVP), or American College of Veterinary Microbiologists (ACVM), or American College of Veterinary Preventative Medicine (ACVPM)
3. Experience in poultry diagnostic medicine
4. Experience in food microbiology/food safety
5. Experience in a veterinary diagnostic laboratory
6. Experience in poultry health / diagnostic laboratory outreach and teaching/training
7. Experience in laboratory supervision

Department: WADDL is a fully accredited (AAVLD) laboratory system integrated within the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University, Pullman, WA. WADDL has a main full-service laboratory on the main WSU campus in Pullman, WA and a branch laboratory in Puyallup, WA focused on avian health and food safety. WADDL-Puyallup is geographically located on a WSU extension campus in Puyallup, WA close to the major poultry producers in Washington State. Food safety testing is primarily focused on service to the poultry egg-layer industry but also serves small custom food processors. The WADDL mission is to provide accurate, state-of-the-art, timely, and cost-effective diagnostic services, consultation, disease surveillance and outreach in order to safeguard animal health, the food supply and public health and to contribute to the University and College of Veterinary Medicine through discovery, scholarly activity, and education. Both WADDL -Pullman and WADDL-Puyallup are active members of the USDA-APHIS National Animal Health Laboratory Network and FDA Veterinary Laboratory Investigation and Response Network. The WADDL-Puyallup laboratory provides services in pathology, microbiology, virology, serology, and molecular diagnostic and is supported by WADDL-Pullman services in bacteriology, histopathology/ immunohistochemistry, immunodiagnostics (including serology, virology), molecular diagnostics, necropsy, parasitology, and toxicology.

The Department of Veterinary Microbiology and Pathology is one of five departments in the College of Veterinary Medicine. The departmental mission is “to enhance animal

and public health through performing biomedical research in immunology, infectious diseases, food safety, and pathology, as well as teaching veterinary medical students and training graduate students and residents.” The department takes pride in what we believe is an environment that fosters collaboration, creativity, personal and professional growth, and productivity. Although few faculty members are personally involved in all the traditional missions of teaching, research, and service, we value and seek excellence in all three.

University: Washington State University is a land grant, comprehensive research institution with an enrollment of approximately 20,000 students on the Pullman campus. There are eleven colleges offering doctoral degrees in 63 disciplines; masters and bachelors degrees are offered in 79 and 95 areas of study respectively. The University is one of the largest residential universities in the West. Branch campuses are located in five urban communities across the state.

Area: WADDL-Puyallup is located on the campus of the WSU Western Washington Research and Extension Center. Puyallup is close to the Seattle-Tacoma metropolitan area, has a strong school system and a reputation as an excellent, safe environment to raise a family. The Puyallup area offers a diverse array of cultural and recreational activities in the beautiful Pacific Northwest.

Application Materials: An application letter*, curriculum vitae, and contact information for three references should be uploaded to https://wsu.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/WSU_Jobs/job/AHFSL-Branch-Chief_R-2619

*The application letter should indicate the applicant’s short and long term goals regarding avian diagnostic medicine and food safety, together with related scholarly activity and teaching. Applicants should outline their qualifications for the position, including laboratory management, as well as interests and expertise in diagnostic medicine, food safety, scholarly work, outreach and teaching interests.

In accordance with Washington State Governor’s Proclamation 21-14.1, as a condition of employment, all WSU employees must be fully vaccinated or have an approved medical/religious accommodation no later than October 18, 2021. People are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving their last shot in a vaccine series. Fully vaccination status or approved accommodation status will be verified prior to first day of employment. Please reach out to Human Resource Services (HRS) at hrs@wsu.edu or 509-335-4521 if you have questions regarding this.

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The College of Veterinary Medicine seeks qualified candidates who will contribute to diversity and equal opportunity in higher education through their teaching, research and service.