COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
& BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY PATHOBIOLOGY

Schubot Center
for Avian Health

Assistant Research Scientist Position in Avian Health

An Assistant Research Scientist position is available in the Schubot Center for Avian Health, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. The successful candidate will expand an ongoing research program on the health of pet, wild, and exotic birds, including studies of the transmission and prevention of avian bornavirus and other health threats. The successful candidate will design and carry out studies at the Avian Health Complex, an on-campus facility with aviaries, isolation facilities, laboratory, clinic and classroom.

The successful applicant must work independently and as a member of multidisciplinary collaborative teams. The candidate will have the opportunity to integrate with the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Program (http://eeb.tamu.edu), Applied Biodiversity Science Program (https://biodiversity.tamu.edu/), and other interdisciplinary initiatives on campus. Research will involve 75% effort to expand ongoing research program on avian health and disease, specifically research on avian bornavirus, including transmission, epidemiology, diagnostics, treatment, vaccine development and/or other topics.

The preferred candidate will have a PhD in Biomedical Science or related field and relevant professional experience; the ability to multi-task; research experience in animal models, infectious disease, vaccine development, diagnostics, and/or molecular biology; strong statistical and data analytic skills with a good track record of publications; and strong organizational, written, and oral communication skills. Applicants with DVM degrees are encouraged to apply.

The Schubot Center for Avian Health (https://vetmed.tamu.edu/schubot/) was founded at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University in 1987. The Center is supported by an endowment created by the late Mr. Richard Schubot, an enthusiastic breeder of large parrots. Participants in the Schubot Center include a multidisciplinary group of faculty, veterinarians, and students from multiple departments dedicated to solving avian health and conservation problems through advanced research. The Schubot group is involved in teaching at multiple levels (undergraduate, graduate, DVM students) about avian health and conservation building on the 'One Health' initiative.

Application review will **begin 30 September 2020**, and the position will remain open until filled, with start date as soon as possible. The position is appointed for two years (pending satisfactory progress), with subsequent renewals dependent on performance and available funds. For highly motivated and productive candidates the opportunity exists for advancement within the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. Salary will be commensurate with experience and include a benefits package. Application materials consist of a cover letter, CV, statement of research interests and career goals, and the names of three references. Materials should be emailed as a single PDF to Sarah Hamer (shamer@cvm.tamu.edu) and Donald J. Brightsmith (brightsmith1@tamu.edu).

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