

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Tenure-Track or Tenured Faculty Position in Microbial Ecology and Infectious Diseases - Assistant or Associate Professor

VERO – Veterinary Education, Research, and Outreach Program, College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University, Canyon, TX

The College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (CVM) at Texas A&M University (TAMU), in collaboration with West Texas A&M University (WTAMU), is seeking applicants for a tenure-track or tenured, full-time position in the areas of microbial ecology and infectious diseases, especially as they apply to cattle industries and sustainable food production. Candidates with experience using molecular and genomic approaches to investigate practical issues related to host-microbe interactions, microbial ecology, infectious disease pathogenesis, immune responses to microbial agents, and/or production efficiency are encouraged to apply. The overall goal of this position is to benefit the food animal industries and stakeholders as part of larger program objectives to promote sustainable food production and veterinary medicine.

The individual selected for this position will be a critical team member at the Veterinary Education, Research and Outreach (VERO) Program, an exciting new collaborative initiative located in the heart of one of the most productive animal agricultural regions in the world (<https://vetmed.tamu.edu/vero/>). The Texas A&M University System has invested nearly \$90 million in new facilities in Canyon, Texas to promote the future of agriculture and animal health in the region. The new state-of-the-art VERO Center is one part of this initiative, and is co-located with the new WTAMU Agricultural Sciences Complex and a new Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. The successful applicant will be a key member of the growing VERO team, working with other university leaders and industry partners in guiding the development and growth of this novel initiative.

VERO and partners from WTAMU and Texas A&M AgriLife Research have strong research programs addressing important problems of practical significance to the cattle industries. These include control and prevention of infectious diseases, and the promotion of sustainability and efficiency of production practices. This new team member will complement existing areas of strength.

The successful candidate must have a PhD degree related to the position focus, or a DVM degree with an extensive record of research publication and grant funding. Candidates with expertise pertinent to North American livestock and food production systems, especially knowledge and experience in beef, dairy, or food production systems, will be given preference. Candidates with experience in independently securing extramural research support, actively participating in collaborative team-based research, conducting applied research regarding practical problems affecting cattle production, consulting on important problems affecting animal populations, and teaching students about their disciplinary focus will also be given preference. This position is expected to establish and maintain an energetic, extramurally well-funded research program,

maintain a strong record of peer-reviewed publication, support “team science” while engaging in interdisciplinary and collaborative research, and teach in the graduate, professional veterinary and/or undergraduate degree programs. Participation in outreach and continuing education is encouraged.

It is a strong expectation that members of the VERO team will support each other to promote the program’s mission, and must have strong positive interpersonal skills along with a demonstrated record of promoting highly collegial and collaborative team interactions. The successful candidate will participate actively in duties related to the VERO program on a daily basis, and provide service and leadership to support Department, College, and University activities at both TAMU and WTAMU. This position is also expected to provide support and leadership of affiliated outside organizations.

VERO Program faculty have academic homes in different departments within the CVM. This position will be housed within the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences (<https://vlcs.tamu.edu/>) Salary and academic rank will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Tenure-track and tenured faculty members are expected to demonstrate effectiveness and excellence in Academic Citizenship, Teaching, and Scholarship. The proportion of effort dedicated to each of these activities is negotiable and may change over time. However, it is anticipated that this position will involve approximately 60% effort in Scholarship of Research, 25% in Teaching, and 15% in Academic Citizenship (i.e., academic and professional service).

Application Instructions: Applicants must submit: 1) curriculum vitae, 2) letter describing interest in this position, career goals, and candidate’s research program, and 3) names and contact information of three references. The application materials must be submitted online at <http://apply.interfolio.com/75496>.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until a suitable candidate is identified. Full consideration will be given to applications received by August 1, 2020. Applicants needing more information are encouraged to contact Dr. Paul Morley, chair of the search committee (pmorley@tamu.edu).

The College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences affirms and supports many different dimensions of diversity, and we are fully committed to ensuring a climate of inclusion where all our faculty, students, and staff are empowered to achieve their full potential.

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