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Department Department of Animal Sciences
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Institution University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Urbana, Illinois

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Application Deadline Aug. 1, 2024

Position Start Date As Soon As Possible

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Department Head/Head/Chair

Academic Field(s) Animal Science

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Job Description

The Department of Animal Sciences (www.ansc.illinois.edu) at the University of Illinois Urbana-

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Champaign seeks an exceptional leader as Professor and Head. This pivotal role will provide strategic direction and operational oversight for a dynamic, internationally recognized department at the forefront of animal sciences research, teaching, and outreach. We invite applications from distinguished scholars with a passion for developing future leaders, advancing scientific discovery, and enhancing societal impacts in animal sciences.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND DEPARTMENT

The Department of Animal Sciences comprises over 530 undergraduate majors, 120 graduate students, 120 staff, and 50 faculty and is a leader among peer programs in publications, citations, and grant funding. Our department is recognized for our expertise in livestock, companion, and biomedical animals. Areas of emphasis include nutrition, immunology and behavior, reproductive biology, microbiology, genomics and bioinformatics, meat science and muscle biology, production and environmental management, and humane education. Our research program spans from fundamental to applied research, with access to state-of-the-art laboratory animal facilities. Additionally, we maintain research and teaching farms on campus for beef, dairy, poultry, swine, and horses, and has beef research stations in southern and western Illinois. Our graduates and programs contribute to a safe, nutritious, sustainable, and affordable food supply and enhance the wellbeing of humans and animals.

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campus (www.illinois.edu) has a student enrollment of over 56,000 , and nearly 2,000 tenured/tenure-track faculty members. The College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES, www.aces.illinois.edu) is home to seven academic departments, ranging from Agricultural and Biological Engineering to Human Development and Family Studies.

Urbana-Champaign is located approximately 120 miles south of Chicago and 120 miles west of Indianapolis in a vibrant and diverse community of 110,000. Our community offers the residential advantages of a medium-sized university city, excellent cultural opportunities, and a high quality of life.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Professor and Head of the Department of Animal Sciences is a full-time administrative position in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) at the University of Illinois. This position is responsible for administering the research, teaching, outreach, and international activities of the Department of Animal Sciences. Specifically, the Head's responsibilities are:

- Provide strategic leadership and vision to the department.

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- Establish goals and develop and communicate policy guidelines in consultation with the faculty.
- Inspire academic excellence through recruitment, mentoring, and encouragement of faculty, staff, and students.
- Support faculty, staff, and students in securing external and intramural funding, fellowships, honors, and awards.
- Champion the continued improvement of our top-ranked graduate and undergraduate programs.
- Administer budgetary and financial matters, including financial accounting, budget preparation, allocation of funds among departmental programs and personnel.
- Plan and implement programs to enhance departmental research and educational facilities.
- Spearhead strategic fundraising initiatives and secure external support and resources to advance department goals.
- Represent and effectively advocate for the department at the college and campus levels.
- Extend and enhance relationships with stakeholders, including industry, government, community, and other key external partners at the state, national, and international levels.
- Promote a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment within the department.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

All candidates must hold a Ph.D. in animal sciences or closely related field with demonstrated excellence in research and resident instruction or Extension education, and administrative ability. Candidates must be qualified for a tenured appointment at the rank of full professor. The position requires strong communication skills and the ability to work effectively with faculty, students, staff, administrators, and various stakeholder groups. Candidates should demonstrate an understanding of and commitment to the goals of a land-grant university. Experience with public and private funding sources is necessary.

SALARY AND APPOINTMENT DETAILS

Compensation is commensurate with experience and qualifications.

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As soon as possible after the closing date.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To ensure full consideration, candidates should apply by August 1, 2024. The search will remain open until suitable candidates are identified. Apply for this position using the Apply Now button at the top or bottom of the posting on <https://jobs.illinois.edu> and upload the following materials:

- A letter of application/interest addressing administrative experience/philosophy and excellence in core areas.
- Curriculum vitae.
- A one-page statement demonstrating commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Contact information for three (3) professional references (name, title, address, phone, email).

All requested materials must be submitted for your application to be given full consideration.

For further information, please contact Dr. Ronaldo Maghirang, Search Committee Chair, via e-mail (ronaldom@illinois.edu). For questions regarding the application process, please contact 217-333-2137.

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Contact Information

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