Horse Unit Manager
Academic Assistant (AAUP)
Department of Animal Science

The Department of Animal Science (ANSC) in the College of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources at the University of Connecticut is soliciting applications for the position Manager – Horse Unit (Academic Assistant 1 or 2).

The Department of Animal Science offers A.A.S., B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees and is comprised of 15 faculty members with research interests in horse science, food science, physiology, nutrition, molecular genetics, genomics, stem cell biology, embryology, and general animal management. The University of Connecticut is AAALAC accredited. Complete information on the department and its programs can be found at http://www.animalscience.uconn.edu/.

The equine program at UConn has a strong tradition of instruction in riding, training, and breeding horses. Riding lessons (hunt seat, dressage, western, and polo) are offered each semester to students and to the general public in the summer and winter. The breeding program has a rich history of breeding Morgan horses, which comprise approximately half of the herd. Horses bred at and donated to UConn are used for teaching, research, and outreach. The UConn Equine Facility includes indoor and outdoor arenas, barns housing polo and riding horses, an equine unit housing young stock, and extensive pastures. Undergraduate students can major in Animal Science with an equine area of interest at the 2- or 4-year level. The department currently has approximately 360 undergraduate students enrolled.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This position reports directly to the ANSC Department Head and is responsible for the care and management of >85 horses and the equine facility, managing breeding stock (stallions, mares, and foals), and teaching at the undergraduate level. The Horse Unit Manager position includes faculty status for teaching undergraduates. The Horse Unit Manager is expected to supervise one full-time staff member, hire, train and supervise 20 to 25 undergraduate student workers, and lead a team of staff members to manage the use of University horses for teaching, research, and outreach purposes. The Manager is responsible for upkeep and maintenance of the three (3) horse barns, indoor and outdoor arenas, and pastures associated with the equine facility at UConn. This position supports research activities at the horse unit and works closely with the Riding Director and faculty in equine science to provide experiential learning opportunities to students. This position also works closely with the Departmental Compliance Coordinator and other institutional personnel including Environmental Health and Safety and

IACUC to set horse unit policies and procedures and to ensure compliance with federal, state, institutional, departmental, and other regulatory agencies including AAALAC, IACUC, and OSHA.

Additional responsibilities include:

- Teach undergraduate courses both in the 2-year and 4-year program including:
    - Light Horse Training
    - Independent Study
    - Advanced Broodmare Management
    - Management Skills and Practices – Equine
    - Relevant instruction in discipline of expertise
- Organize and oversee the UConn Morgan Breeding Program
- Oversee the horse donation program
- Attend weekly horse unit meetings and monthly faculty meetings
- Contribute to the outreach, research, and service functions of the Department, College, and the University
- Position will require the ability to work night and weekend hours, as needed, to meet business needs and respond to emergencies due to inclement weather or other significant events that affect operations. The incumbent in this position is considered essential personnel by the University.

The position description is posted at: http://www.animalscience.uconn.edu/.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

MS degree in Animal Science or a related field with three (3) or more years of relevant experience or a BS in Animal Science or a related field plus five (5) or more years of experience with responsibility for managing a large (> 25 horses) equine facility
Demonstrated expertise in a specific equine discipline
Demonstrated teaching experience in the equine field
Demonstrated experience with stallions and broodmares
Demonstrated supervisory experience
Demonstrated excellence in written and oral communication
Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work in a group/team setting

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum of 5 years successfully managing an equine facility at an academic institution
Experience teaching in a formal classroom setting
Experience teaching at the college level
Hold a current judge's card from a recognized equine organization
CDL Class A driver's license
Experience maintaining records and inventories
Excellent organizational skills

APPOINTMENT TERMS

This is a full-time, 12-month permanent non-tenure-track position that requires teaching, managing, and outreach commitments at the Academic Assistant Level 1 or 2. The successful candidate's appointment will be at the Storrs campus. Anticipated start date is November 1, 2018. Salary and position level will be commensurate with experience.

TO APPLY

Only applications submitted via Academic Jobs Online (https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/11409) will be accepted. Please submit the following: a **cover letter**, **résumé**, a brief **statement of equine and teaching experience** (maximum two pages), **link to an approximately 3-minute video** demonstrating expertise in an equine discipline (for example: groundwork, in saddle or driving, publicly available through YouTube or other video application), and **a list of four references** (name, title, email, phone, and mailing address). To ensure full consideration, applications should be received no later than September 15, 2018. Evaluation of applicants will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Employment of the successful candidate will be contingent upon the successful completion of a pre-employment criminal background check. (Search #2018705).

Inquiries should be sent to the search committee chair, Dr. Sarah Reed, Sarah.Reed@uconn.edu.

The University of Connecticut is committed to building and supporting a multicultural and diverse community of students, faculty and staff. The diversity of students, faculty and staff continues to increase, as does the number of honors students, valedictorians and salutatorians who consistently make UConn their top choice. More than 100 research centers and institutes serve the University's teaching, research, diversity, and outreach missions, leading to UConn's ranking as one of the nation's top research universities. UConn's faculty and staff are the critical link to fostering and expanding our vibrant, multicultural and diverse University community. The University of Connecticut is an EEO/AA employer. UConn encourages applications from women, veterans, people with disabilities and members of traditionally underrepresented populations.