

Vacancy for a permanent scientist in the field of ruminant health management

Start date: 1 October 2021

Job description:

Full-time position as first assistant, in the field of ruminant health management, attached to the Clinical Department of Production Animals (DCP)

Introduction:

Ruminant Health Management is a major branch of production animal medicine. This speciality, which is essential to teaching in the second and third cycles in veterinary medicine, is also essential for the operation of the University Veterinary Clinic of our Faculty. It is essentially based on three disciplines, internal medicine, surgery and theriogenology, which are integrated into the Individual Case Clinic, Herd Medicine and the Outpatient Clinic.

The Individual Case Clinic is open to animals 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This specialised care requires the presence, day and night, of a specialist in the field, recognised by the EBVS (European Board of Veterinary Specialisation). At the same time, we also carry out visits to farms to determine the causes of the diseases and drops in productivity that have been identified. These activities serve as a basis for students to learn livestock medicine. They are coupled with the clinical and epidemiological research associated with each of the facets of our activities (individual cases / herds).

The vacant post is a multi-skilled position, similar to that which the European College of Bovine Health Management (ECBHM) requires of its graduates. However, the person recruited will more specifically develop skills in internal medicine. They will participate in supervising the off-duty rotas in collaboration with the Head of the Individual Case Clinic and will actively take part in the activities carried out in the field, organising visits to farms and taking students there. Finally, the successful applicant will develop research activities related to these missions.

Activities:

Teaching

The majority of teaching is carried out in direct contact with patients treated in the CVU. Students in the Masters degree in veterinary medicine have several weeks of clinical work with production animals as part of their programme, during which they are confronted with referred cases, whether they are hospitalised animals, herds monitored on farms in the region, or first-line cases seen in an outpatient clinic.

There are therefore students in constant learning at the clinic, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Clinical interns are another target group being trained in Ruminant Health Management.

In practical terms, teaching assignments will consist of supervising Masters students during clinics and practical work as well as in the form of seminars and tutorials.

Research

The projects currently under way in the department include complications relating to Caesarean sections, prognostic factors in digestive surgery, micro-mineral nutrition (trace elements) and metabolic disorders, the cellular immunity of colostrum, Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus or BRSV, Mycoplasma bovis, lameness and infertility in the BBB breed. These projects and others before them have already led to multiple collaborations with the other departments in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine as well as with the ARSIA, the GIGA, etc.

The successful applicant will actively participate in the department's research activities. They will develop clinical and epidemiological research activities associated with the different facets of our activities: individual cases and health management of ruminant herds.

Service to the Community

In terms of services to the community, our main mission consists of treating patients admitted in an emergency or during consultations, or treated during herd visits, individual educational cases or referred to the Outpatient Clinic, within the framework of the CVU's activities.

The successful applicant will take part in consultations and the treatment of hospitalised animals as well as the duty roster (weekends and nights). They will carry out farm visits and the associated administrative tasks: writing clinical and visit reports, supervising and, if necessary, encoding acts and medicines in SAP, contacts with clients and referring veterinarians.

Qualifications required- profile:

The candidate must:

- Hold a Masters degree in veterinary medicine,
- Hold a doctorate with a thesis (PhD),
- Be registered (or be eligible to be registered) on the Roll of the Belgian Order of Veterinary Surgeons,
- Be a graduate of the European College of Bovine Health Management (ECBHM) or have graduated before the end of the probationary period,
- Demonstrate international scientific publications in equine medicine,
- Have teaching experience and demonstrate a real interest in this mission,
- Demonstrate the human qualities needed to manage activities of a collaborative nature as well as the ability to work independently,
- Master written and spoken French and English.

Selection procedure:

Applications will be examined in accordance with the regulations of the University of Liège.

Applications:

Applicants are requested to submit their applications electronically, to the following address: Postesscientifiques@uliege.be with a copy to candidatures.fmv@uliege.be no later than **15 March 2021**.

How to apply - required documents:

- ✓ A complete curriculum vitae, including a list of publications;
- ✓ A cover letter;
- ✓ A document detailing the skills and experience of the candidate in relation to the missions that will be entrusted to them.

Conditions of recruitment:

The position shall be assigned either from the outset on a permanent basis¹ or for a maximum term of four years, which may lead to the permanent appointment following an evaluation. It may also be awarded for a fixed period if the successful candidate does not yet meet the requirement to have obtained the European College Diploma. In this case, the probationary period will be fixed on a proposal from the Committee.

Our institutional policy is based on diversity and equal opportunities. We select candidates on the basis of their qualities regardless of age, sexual orientation, origin, beliefs, disability or nationality.

¹ If the successful candidate is well known to the Institution and has already demonstrated their qualifications, the Committee may, if it so wishes and giving reasons, propose to appoint them from the outset on a permanent basis.

Further information:

Further information on the position can be obtained from the President of the Clinical Department of Production Animals (DCP), Ms Martine Laitat, mlaitat@uliege.be

Salary:

Salary scales and how they are applied are available from the human resources department of the University: Ms Ludivine Depas – tel.: +32 4 366 52 04 – Ludivine.Depas@uliege.be