

The College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University has a tradition of excellence in diagnostic services, research and development and extension support of the avian livestock/owner community throughout New York State. The Animal Health Diagnostic Center is nationally accredited by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD), is a founding member of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network and is certified for regulatory testing by the USDA. While the primary focus of the AHDC is providing diagnostic services, with over 1 million tests conducted annually, applied research, through the development and validation of new test methods and reagents, teaching, and extension services are important related activities.

Director of Cornell Duck Research Laboratory - Senior Extension Associate: Cornell University Duck Research Laboratory (CDRL), Animal Health Diagnostic Center (AHDC), Department of Population Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences. The successful candidate will be in residence at the Cornell Duck Research Laboratory, located in Eastport on Long Island, NY.

The Cornell University Duck Research Laboratory (CDRL) is a unit of the AHDC that serves as a national and international reference for diagnosis and research on duck diseases. This laboratory is also engaged in the production and testing of USDA-licensed biologics used in duck preventive medicine programs. The laboratory personnel include 7 individuals; 1 senior extension associate (this position), 1 biologics production manager, 1 farm/animal facility manager, 1 administrative manager and 3 technicians. The CDRL provides technical service to the duck producers, including members of the International Duck Research Cooperative, Inc (IDRC) and clients of the AHDC. The CDRL comprises facilities for diagnosis and research on duck diseases, for production and testing of biologics, and also maintains a duck-breeding colony to supply susceptible ducklings and embryonated eggs.

The successful candidate will be expected to: Participate in the avian disease diagnostic and extension service; provide technical assistance to duck producers; participate in the development, production and testing of USDA-licensed biologics for use in commercial ducks; develop and conduct applied research on problems of economic importance to the commercial duck industry; supervise technical support staff. The Senior Extension Associate also will work closely with program coordinators in the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to assure laboratory/program integration in a variety of areas. Additionally, the successful applicant will provide veterinary support to laboratory professional staff needing insight into clinical presentations, industry standard animal management practices or animal industry trends and needs. The CDRL director will also participate in the preparation of materials for communication to laboratory veterinary clients. The Senior Extension Associate may play a critical role in the laboratory investigation of emerging diseases or in animal health-related emergency responses.

The successful candidate must also possess excellent interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work cooperatively with other laboratory personnel in a small laboratory environment away from the main Cornell University campus.

Qualifications: Candidates should have a DVM degree or equivalent with training in virology or bacteriology (Master of Science or Ph.D.) preferred. Veterinarians with a Master of Science in avian medicine or a two year residency in poultry medicine and ACPV board certified or eligible are especially encouraged to apply. Candidates must have interest and capability in poultry disease diagnosis and research. The successful candidate will be a regular member of the academic staff of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University. The College of Veterinary Medicine embraces diversity and seeks candidates who will create a climate that attracts students, staff and faculty of all races, nationalities and genders. We strongly encourage women and underrepresented minorities to apply for this opportunity.

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Application Process (for both positions) - Interested applicants should submit:

1) a letter of intent outlining interest in the position (please identify for which position you are applying), overall related qualifications and career goals;

2) curriculum vitae; and

3) the names and addresses of three professional references to:

Dr. Edward Dubovi, Chair of the Search Committee

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