

UMass Amherst

UMass Amherst, the Commonwealth's flagship campus, is a nationally ranked public research university offering a full range of undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees. The University sits on nearly 1,450-acres in the scenic Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts, and offers a rich cultural environment in a bucolic setting close to major urban centers. In addition, the University is part of the Five Colleges (including Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College, and Smith College), which adds to the intellectual energy of the region.

Job Summary

The Department of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (VASCI) (<http://www.vasci.umass.edu/>) at the University of Massachusetts Amherst invites applications to fill a non-tenure-track (Lecturer) position at the level of Director of a new Bachelor's of Science - Veterinary Technology degree that will complement our nationally ranked Bachelor's of Science - Pre-Veterinary Science and Bachelor's of Science - Animal Science degree programs. Anticipated start date 2019.

The Director, who will be a veterinarian, will help launch an innovative program that incorporates comprehensive information in the basic sciences and clinical methods complemented with hands-on experience in large and small animals, research animal models, and experience in veterinary practice management.

The appointment will be in the Department of Veterinary and Animal Sciences in the College of Natural Sciences in Amherst, MA (<http://www.vasci.umass.edu/>). The Department has a strong commitment to Veterinary and Biomedical Research and to Veterinary and Animal Science undergraduate and graduate education. It is housed in modern research facilities, has an interactive faculty with strengths in immunology, reproduction and development, and environmental toxicology, has excellent core facilities, and is well-integrated into the University of Massachusetts life sciences research community. There are University owned farms with working-herds of sheep, goats, cattle and horses available for teaching and research. The Newton campus has a state-of-the-art building dedicated exclusively to the Veterinary Technology program that includes, among other facilities, lecture and clinical classrooms, surgical suites and animal housing rooms.

Essential Functions

Examples of duties:

- Responsible for hiring the faculty of the program, evaluating their performance, and developing a creative curriculum to fulfill the requirements of the Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities - Accreditation of Veterinary Technician Education Activities (AVMA CVTEA) accreditation standards.
- Responsible for preparing and submission of accreditation materials and for filing all necessary reports and self-study materials.
- Assist in developing a program that takes full advantage of the UMass Amherst campus, the College of Natural Sciences and the Veterinary and Animal Sciences department, in conjunction with the clinical facilities and access to diverse internships in veterinary clinics, research laboratories, Biotech companies, and shelters at the Newton, MA location.

- Develop a new curriculum and teach two of the introductory courses at the Amherst campus. This is a 12-month appointment and development of summer courses at both campuses and Continuing Education courses is expected.
- Travel regularly from Amherst to Newton to provide continuity to the program and ensure student success.

Other Functions

- Work collaboratively and effectively to promote teamwork, diversity, equality and inclusiveness.
- Work in partnership with colleagues within the CNS community and across the campus to support the Dean's strategic priorities.
- Perform other duties as assigned in support of the mission and goals of the College of Natural Sciences.

Minimum Qualifications (Knowledge, Skills, Abilities, Education, Experience, Certifications, Licensure)

- DVM degree.
- Organization and management skills will be required.
- Teaching experience in the veterinary field.
- Strong commitment to the advancement of the veterinary technician profession.
- Ability to travel regularly from Amherst to Newton.

Preferred Qualifications (Knowledge, Skills, Abilities, Education, Experience, Certifications, Licensure)

Applicants with five-plus years of clinical experience in both small and large animals, and teaching experience at a Veterinary and/or Veterinary Technology school and/or at a four-year college in Animal Sciences are particularly encouraged to apply.

Work Schedule

Monday – Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm

Salary Information

Salary and start-up will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, and the University of Massachusetts provides an attractive fringe benefits package.

Special Instructions to Applicants

Review of application will begin on May 27, 2019 and may continue until a suitable candidate pool has been identified. Candidates should provide the following in their application package: (1) a cover letter addressed to the Search Committee Chair, Professor Janice Telfer, and providing names and contact information for three individuals who are willing to write a letter of recommendation; (2) a curriculum vitae; (3) a description of curriculum development to advance the veterinary technician profession incorporating the Amherst and Newton facilities; (4) a statement of teaching interests; and (5) a statement describing past experiences and/or future goals that would contribute to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion mission of the campus. These contributions may result from lived experiences, scholarships, and/or mentoring, teaching, and outreach activities. (<https://www.cns.umass.edu/diversity-equity-inclusion>)

Please submit an application at the following link:

<https://secure.dc4.pageuppeople.com/apply/822/gateway/Default.aspx?c=apply&sJobIDs=498240&SourceTypeID=801&sLanguage=en-us>

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