Assistant Specialist in Cooperative Extension for Poultry Health & Food Safety Epidemiology

The University of California Cooperative Extension, a statewide program with local delivery, is seeking an Assistant Specialist in CE responsible for improving the population health and safety of food of California's broiler and laying chickens, turkeys and game birds.

SALARY: Dependent on qualifications and experience

QUALIFICATIONS: A DVM and experience in commercial poultry health and food safety is required. An advanced degree and certification or eligibility for board certification in the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine (or the equivalent) and its Epidemiology specialty is preferred. Familiarity with poultry production systems similar to those found in California and the potential health impacts of extensive small-holder poultry enthusiasts on commercial operations is preferred. Expertise in the environmental impacts of poultry production, including management of mortality and the propagation of zoonotic diseases such as Avian Influenza, farm security systems and managing foodborne illness are preferred. A demonstrated record of successful acquisition of extramural funding or the potential to do so is required. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills and a demonstrated ability to work with others in a collegial team atmosphere are required. Evidence of or potential for statewide leadership and initiative is required.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Outreach: Responsibilities include: 1) working with UC Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) advisors, veterinary practitioners, industry veterinarians and organizations, state and federal regulatory agencies, producers and policy makers to protect the California poultry industry, 2) engagement in UC ANR’s Strategic Initiatives and Program Teams, and 3) providing statewide leadership to UC ANR's academics located in counties and on campuses.

Research: The development of a creative, independent and productive research program from extramural sources is a fundamental and indispensable requirement of the position, including publication of results in peer-reviewed professional/scientific journals. Individual will provide leadership in directing research projects of professional and graduate students. A major research focus is promoting understanding and developing preventive and control practices to protect California’s poultry resources and contribute to a vital state industry by promoting health through surveillance systems, biosecurity practices, management, vaccination and therapeutic processes to protect the birds, the food they produce and markets.

Service: University and public service through committee work, participation in professional organizations, continuing education and other appropriate means is required.

APPLICATION PROCESS: To receive fullest consideration, applications must be received by May 1, 2012; position open until filled. Interested applicants should submit 1) a letter of intent outlining special interest in the position, overall related qualifications and experience and career goals; 2) curriculum vitae; and 3) the names and addresses of four professional references:

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The University of California, Davis and the Department of Population Health and Reproduction, School of Veterinary Medicine, are interested in candidates who are committed to the highest standards of scholarship and professional activities, and to the development of a campus climate that supports equality and diversity. The University of California is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.