



Expanded Job Description

UW-System Position Title: Assistant Professor

Business Title: Companion Animal Assistant Professor

Major Department Code: J043500

Supervisor Name: Sylvia Kehoe

Appointment Type: Faculty

FLSA Status: Exempt

FTE (Percentage of Appointment): 100%

Typical Working Schedule: Dependent upon class schedule, university service and scholarly research. University hours are typically Monday – Friday 7:45 am to 4:30 pm.

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Animal Science major within the College of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Sciences has experienced considerable enrollment growth, serving over 800 students. Thirty seven percent of those students are within the companion animal option. The Department of Animal and Food Science is seeking a nine-month, full-time academic, tenure-track undergraduate faculty position (100% teaching) at the rank of Assistant Professor. The successful candidate will demonstrate strong interests and ability to teach undergraduate courses in animal science with an emphasis on companion animal management and the human-animal bond. Other teaching opportunities may include courses in the core animal science curriculum, companion animal behavior and training, or animal welfare. The standard teaching load is 12 credit hours per semester.

RESPONSIBILITIES: 100% Teaching

Primary teaching responsibilities will include undergraduate courses in companion animal science, which may include Introduction to Companion Animals, Companion Animal Behavior & Training, and Pets in Society. Opportunities may also include introductory animal science courses, and courses in the core animal science curriculum focused on animal nutrition, genetics, physiology, health, or welfare, depending on departmental needs, the individual's interest, educational background, and skill level. An additional responsibility may include advising students within the Fostering Education Through Campus Hosting (FETCH) program, which is a service dog in-training program for students majoring in Animal Science with an emphasis in companion animals. Mentoring and advising undergraduate students, and advising student organizations and clubs within the department, is also expected, along with active participation in department-sponsored events. The successful candidate will establish and maintain affiliations with companion animal groups and associations at the local, state, regional, and national levels, and continue to advance their knowledge and level of expertise within the field of companion animal science.

Participation in faculty or staff governance, and service activities at the department, college and university levels, is expected. Faculty members are expected to engage in scholarly activity. Such activities are broadly defined and may include the scholarship of teaching, the scholarship of research, or similar activities.



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KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Qualifications (Required):

- MS in Animal Science or a related field (Instructional Academic Staff)
- Primary educational/professional expertise in companion animals
- Professional priority for achieving excellence in undergraduate teaching
- Strong interest in teaching college-level courses to undergraduate students
- Interest and ability to provide academic advising to undergraduate students
- Commitment and capability to support and advise co-curricular activities such as student organizations, internships, and/or undergraduate scholarly activities
- Well-developed and effective oral and written communication skills

Qualifications (Preferred):

- PhD in Animal Science or related field, and/or DVM (Assistant Professor). Applicants who have finished course work and are still working on degree requirements may be considered for a conditional appointment and must complete their graduate program within one year of the date of employment to be considered for the rank of Assistant Professor
- Documented evidence of successful teaching at the college level
- Experience, contacts, and involvement in the companion animal industry
- Education and experience in one or more of the following animal science disciplines: animal physiology, nutrition, behavior and training, and/or shelter management
- Familiarity with U.S. animal agricultural practices
- Demonstrated experience with leading and mentoring undergraduate researchers

POSITION OF TRUST? If so, check all that apply to this position.

- Significant or unsupervised access to vulnerable populations (medical patients or un-enrolled minors)*
- Master keys or card access (key access to offices, facilities or worksites other than your own)
- Fiduciary responsibilities are greater than 50% of position responsibilities
- Executive position (Limited)

** Employees holding a position of trust with access to vulnerable populations shall be subject to a criminal background check every four years and shall be required to self-disclose certain criminal offenses.*

CAMPUS SECURITY AUTHORITY (CSA): Yes No

Position is identified as a CSA based on functions involving relationships with students and/or significant responsibility for student and campus activities (beyond the classroom).