

FACULTY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Open Rank, Modern Swine Production
Department of Animal Sciences
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Position: Open rank (Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor) Full-Time Tenure-Track Faculty Position in Modern Swine Production in the Department of Animal Sciences (35% Research | 35% Extension | 20% Teaching | 10% Service).

Description: The Department seeks a candidate to build a robust, industry-relevant research and extension program focused on modern swine production. The individual hired will be expected to develop a nationally and internationally recognized, extramurally funded research and extension program; collaborate across disciplines and with industry partners to pursue practical, stakeholder-relevant solutions with economic, social, and ethical implications; and contribute to the department's academic instruction and advising programs. This position builds on our department's strong history and current research programs. Candidates with expertise in genetics, nutrition, reproduction, meat science, precision management, physiology, microbiology, integrated animal systems, or fields related to swine production are strongly encouraged to apply.

Qualifications: Required qualifications include (1) Ph.D. degree in animal science or relevant field by the start date; (2) research emphasis on swine production; (3) potential to develop an extramurally funded research and extension program; and (4) commitment to teaching and mentoring students.

Responsibilities: The successful candidate will develop a nationally and internationally recognized research and extension program supported by extramural funding, contribute to academic programs related to swine production, and perform other services expected at an academic institution.

Proposed Start Date: August 16, 2026

Salary: The salary range is \$85,000-\$140,000, commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Appointment Details: This 9/12 tenure-track faculty position is 100% FTE. This position is eligible for all sponsorship options.

Location: The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (www.illinois.edu) is located approximately 120 miles south of Chicago in a metropolitan area of approximately 232,000 people.

Resources: The Department of Animal Sciences has outstanding facilities with convenient access to laboratory and farm animal research units (<https://ansc.illinois.edu/about/facilities>). The campus is home to internationally recognized facilities and interdisciplinary programs including the Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology (www.igb.illinois.edu), Beckman Institute (www.beckman.illinois.edu), W.M. Keck Center for Comparative and Functional Genomics (www.biotech.uiuc.edu/centers/Keck), National Center for Supercomputing Applications (www.ncsa.illinois.edu), the Center for Digital Agriculture (www.digitalag.illinois.edu), and the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Institute (<https://healthinstitute.illinois.edu/>).

The College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) (www.aces.illinois.edu) is widely recognized for excellence in undergraduate and graduate education, research, outreach, and international programs. In addition to its mission as a land-grant university, the campus offers exceptional programs in the arts, humanities, sciences, engineering, and computer science.

Closing Date: Full consideration will be given to applications received by **March 22, 2026**. However, the search will continue until a suitable candidate is found.

Applicants: Apply for this position using the Apply Now button at the top or bottom of the posting at <https://go.aces.illinois.edu/1035101> and upload **cover letter which explicitly states your interest in being considered for the position in Modern Swine Production**; a curriculum vitae; a statement of research interests (including future plans); a statement of Extension approaches to collaborate with industry partners; a statement of teaching philosophy, and the names and contact information of three references.

Questions can be directed to Matt Wheeler, Chair of the Search Committee (mbwheele@illinois.edu), or to Dan Shike, Interim Head of the Department, (dshike@illinois.edu). Additional information about the department can be found at ansc.illinois.edu.

For questions regarding the application process, please contact 217-333-2137.

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This position is intended to be [eligible for benefits](#). This includes Health, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance, a Retirement Plan, Paid time Off, and Tuition waivers for employees and dependents.

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additional information about required background checks, sexual harassment/misconduct disclosures, and employment eligibility review through [E-Verify](#).

Applicants with disabilities are encouraged to apply and may request a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (2008) to complete the application and/or interview process. Accommodations may also be requested on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth, and related conditions, or religion. Requests may be submitted through the [reasonable accommodation portal](#), or by contacting the Office for Access & Equity at 217-333-0885, option #1, or accessibility@illinois.edu.