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**ACADEMIC POSITION**  
**FACULTAD DE AGRONOMÍA Y SISTEMAS NATURALES**  
**(School of Agriculture and Natural Systems)**  
**DEPARTAMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCES**  
**JUNE 2024**

The Facultad de Agronomía y Sistemas Naturales (School of Agriculture and Natural Systems) of Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (UC) announces an international competition to fill an academic position at the level of Assistant or Associate Professor, on a full-time basis, for the development of undergraduate and graduate teaching and research in the area of animal welfare and behavior with emphasis on farm animals.

**Summary**

We are seeking exceptional and highly motivated candidates for the position of Assistant or Associate Professor of animal welfare and behavior on a full-time basis, to be part of a diverse and interdisciplinary team. The ideal candidate will have demonstrated experience related to animal systems for production of food or other products and services. The selected candidate must have the ability to develop independent and innovative research in the fields of animal welfare and behavior of farm animals and to participate in existing research programs. Their training should include some of the following areas: extensive livestock systems, confined livestock systems, transport, slaughter, among others. Additionally, the candidate is expected to develop links with the UC School of Veterinary Medicine.

The selected candidate must be able to teach at least two undergraduate animal science courses for agronomy students and at least one graduate course (Animal Welfare); all courses must be taught in Spanish. One of the undergraduate courses to be taught is Animal Behavior and Welfare, and the other course may be related to the specific expertise of the candidate, such as: Animal Production, Ruminant Production, Swine and Poultry Production, Milk Production.

The candidate is expected to lead a research program in the area of animal welfare and behavior, with responsibility for obtaining funding, planning research activities, generating scientific publications, and training graduate students. Additionally, the candidate is expected to develop links with community stakeholders and the productive sector, to support extension and technology transfer from research, in accordance with the standards established by Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.



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**Requirements:**

- Undergraduate degree in Agronomy, Veterinary Medicine, Zootechnical Engineering, Biology, or a related area
- Possess a PhD at the time of hiring
- Ability to lead a high-quality research program in area of expertise
- Commitment to teaching and mentoring undergraduate and graduate students
- Excellent communication skills
- Evidence of research productivity

**Application Deadline:** August 16, 2024

**Availability:** First semester of 2025 (January)

**Application:**

When applying, you will be asked to attach the following electronic documents:

1. A cover letter addressing your qualifications and aspirations, explicitly identifying how they relate to the specific duties and responsibilities described in the job description.
2. A three-page curriculum vitae (CV or resume).
3. A two-page letter specifically addressing your commitment to promoting student success and teaching strategies for undergraduate and graduate courses.
4. A two-page letter describing your proposed line(s) of research.
5. List of publications in peer-reviewed journals.
6. Two letters of recommendation with names and contact information (email, phone, and mail) of academics who can properly describe the strengths and characteristics of the applicant. Please note that the references provided may be contacted by the selection committee during the process.
7. Scanned copies of degree certificates at the graduate and undergraduate/professional levels.

Applications should be sent to Professor Rafael Larraín (larrain@uc.cl) indicating in the subject: **Application for academic position in Animal Welfare**. Inquiries can be directed to the same email before the application deadline.

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile is committed to equal opportunities, building an inclusive, diverse, and fraternal community, and promoting the academic development of both women and men. A foreign national applying from abroad, if selected for the position, will be required to obtain the appropriate visa from the Chilean consulate in their country of origin to join the University's academic staff.