

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES)

Department of Animal Sciences

Teaching Faculty – Open Rank – Livestock Teaching and Outreach

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SHORT DESCRIPTION SUMMARIZING POSITION

Full-time, 100%, 12-month, renewable appointment. Primary responsibilities include teaching and coaching the intercollegiate livestock and meat animal evaluation judging teams and contributing to livestock production and management teaching and outreach activities. Initial appointments are typically at the rank of Instructor, Lecturer, Teaching Assistant Professor or Clinical Assistant Professor. Senior level appointment to Sr. Instructor/Lecturer or Teaching/Clinical Associate Professor or Teaching/Clinical Professor may be available for candidates with significant additional experience and stature.

SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The incumbent will design and implement an outreach program aimed at youth interested in production livestock in the State of Illinois including training programs and demonstrations. They will work with state commodity groups (i.e. Illinois Beef Association and Illinois Pork Producers Association) and industry affiliates to develop programs targeted at recruiting and developing the future workforce in the livestock industry. This position will also coach the intercollegiate livestock judging team and co-coach the intercollegiate meat animal evaluation team. They will also teach the courses associated with those teams along with other livestock and production animal science courses and laboratories as assigned. This position will be expected to cultivate livestock judging alumni relationships to advance the Livestock Judging program of the University of Illinois. Coordination of various youth activities related to livestock judging and meat animal evaluation, such as contests, workshops, and camps is also expected. This position will integrate into the Food Animal Production and Management programs and be expected to support the missions of teaching, research and extension of the Department of Animal Sciences. In accordance with needs and areas of expertise, the candidate hired into the position may be asked to assume additional related responsibilities to enhance the mission of the department.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education: Graduate degree in Animal Science or related field. Individuals working toward a graduate degree may be considered, but the degree must be obtained by the starting date.

Individuals with a MS or DVM degree may be appointed as Instructor. PhD is required for Lecturer, Clinical or Teaching Professor position.

Experience: Required: Livestock judging experience. Demonstrated teaching effectiveness and leadership potential commensurate with position sought. Knowledge of livestock production and management. The ability to work efficiently in a team environment. Excellent organizational skills. Good oral and written communication skills.

Preferred: Coaching experience in livestock judging. Experience planning youth or producer outreach activities.

SALARY: Commensurate with experience.

PROPOSED STARTING DATE: August 16, 2019, or as negotiated.

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:

Within the College of ACES, the Department of Animal Sciences (<http://ansc.illinois.edu>) manages livestock farming operations and research facilities for swine, beef, dairy, and poultry species, all conveniently located within 5 minutes of campus.

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.illinois.edu/centers), Carle Illinois College of Medicine (www.medicine.illinois.edu), Cancer Center at Illinois (www.cancer.illinois.edu), and National Center for Supercomputing Applications (www.ncsa.illinois.edu). The Department of Animal Sciences (www.ansc.illinois.edu) currently has approximately 35 faculty, 600 undergraduate students, and 100 graduate students. The department maintains animal facilities for beef, swine, horses, dairy and poultry.

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.

Given the physical nature of the role of livestock judging and outreach teaching faculty, when working, the employee may be exposed to a variety of environmental factors to include, but not limited to, hot or cold weather, exposure to noise and allergens, and uneven ground. In performing the functions of this position, the employee may be subjected to various mental and physical demands as well to include, but not limited to, independently traveling to and performing work at different locations, lifting and moving items that may frequently weigh up to fifty (50) pounds and occasionally weigh up to seventy-five (75) pounds, and twisting, pushing and pulling movements. More detailed information regarding the functions of this position (including the physical, mental and environmental requirements of the position) may be obtained from Human Resources for the Department of Animal Sciences by contacting cdthoma2@illinois.edu.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Please create your candidate profile at <http://jobs.illinois.edu> and upload your required documents, including cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching and extension philosophy and the names and email addresses or phone numbers of three professional references. References will be contacted electronically within 2-3 days of application submission. Applications should be submitted by June 21, 2019. In your cover letter please state which rank you are applying for. Interviews may take place and offers may be made before the closing date, but all applications received by the closing date will receive full consideration for an open position. All requested information must be submitted via the online system for your application to be considered. For further information please contact Carolyn Thomas, Department of Animal Sciences (cdthoma2@illinois.edu) and Dr. Dan Shike, Chair of the Search Committee (dshike@illinois.edu).

The University of Illinois conducts criminal background checks on all job candidates upon acceptance of a contingent offer.