POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Livestock Unit Manager, Sheep
Animal Science
South Dakota State University

SDSU Department of Animal Science is offering an exciting career opportunity as a Livestock Unit Manager, Sheep. This is a 12-month, 100% time, Non-Faculty Exempt, benefit-eligible position. SDSU is especially interested in candidates that can contribute to and/or coordinate course offerings that address the experiences of underrepresented minorities in organizations. Women, minorities, veterans, and people with disabilities are especially encouraged to apply.

DESCRIPTION: The person filling this position will be actively involved in the daily management of the SDSU Sheep Unit. The flock consists of 275 commercial Polypay and 125 purebred Hampshire mature ewes enrolled in the NSIP program. The flock production system model includes a traditional winter and a fall lambing season. Duties include all production management aspects associated with the University’s flock. Hands-on management of the sheep unit operations including: budget development, human and animal regulatory compliance, commodity purchases, feeding and animal health protocols, raw data collection and recording, drug inventory maintenance, and personnel management of undergraduate student employees. Responsibilities include diet formulation and feeding of mature sheep and lambs based on stage of production or growth. The successful candidate will maintain and care for animals, facilities, and equipment to the standards expected of a public institution.

QUALIFICATIONS: Earned B.S. degree in Animal Science or closely related field with preference to those interested in pursuing an advanced degree. Experience of two or more years in sheep production and flock management. Demonstrated proficiency in sheep production including: general flock management, ration formulation and principles of nutrition, reproduction, animal health and care, facilities operation and maintenance. Ability to interpret and implement detailed research protocols. Ability to collect, code and maintain accurate electronic records. Effective communication and interpersonal skills, and the ability to work and cooperate with a diverse clientele including students, staff, faculty and producers. Experience with personnel management is desired.

UNIVERSITY/COMMUNITY: The Animal Science Department includes 22 faculty instructing 450 undergraduate majors and strives to be a student-centered research department. The department faculty conduct cutting edge research that creates opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students.

SDSU is a land grant institution and the state’s largest institution of higher education with an enrollment of approximately 13,000 students. SDSU is located in Brookings, SD, a community of 23,657 near the east central border of South Dakota on Interstate 29.

SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications plus fringe benefits.
AVAILABLE: Immediately.

CLOSING DATE: Position is open until filled with full consideration given to applications received by January 4, 2018.

APPLICATION PROCESS: SDSU accepts applications through an on-line employment site. To apply, visit: https://yourfuture.sdbor.edu, search by position title, view the job announcement, and click on “apply for this posting”. The system will guide you through the electronic application form. The employment site will require the attachment of a cover letter, which should specifically address how the candidate meets the qualifications as outlined in the advertisement; resume; and a reference page with the contact information for three professional references. Reference letters will be solicited by the search committee as needed. Email applications will not be accepted. Please contact SDSU Human Resources at (605) 688-4128 if you require assistance with this process.

Any offer of employment is contingent on the university’s verification of credentials and other information required by law and/or university policies, including but not limited to, a criminal background check.

For questions on the position, contact Heidi Carroll at (605) 688-6623 or Heidi.carroll@sdstate.edu.

South Dakota State University is committed to affirmative action, equal opportunity and the diversity of its faculty, staff and students. Women, minorities, veterans, and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Arrangements for accommodations required by disabilities can be made by emailing HR@sdstate.edu. SDSU prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, citizenship, ancestry, gender, marital status, pregnancy, sexual orientation, age, disability, veteran’s status or any other protected class in the offering of all educational programs and employment opportunities. Individuals with concerns regarding discrimination should contact: Equal Opportunity Officer/Title IX Coordinator, Human Resources, Morrill Hall 100, SDSU, Brookings, SD 57007. Phone: (605) 688-4128.
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