Sustainable Food Animal Extension Assistant Professor

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) and Nebraska Extension is inviting applications for a Statewide Sustainable Food Animal Extension Assistant Professor position in Animal Science. This 12-month, non-tenure track position will report to the Head of the Department of Animal Science and the Associate Dean of Nebraska Extension. We are seeking innovative and dynamic individuals with leadership skills that will enhance and expand our nationally recognized programs in food animal evaluation and science related to food animals. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is located in one of the largest cattle feeding states in the world, along with extensive cow-calf and backgrounding/stocker cattle production, expanding swine, dairy, and poultry industries, and the number one state in the U.S. for red meat production. The state also benefits from a high concentration of allied industries and services including meat processors, grain processors and feed manufacturers, pharmaceutical and biological manufacturers, technology development and support, and world-class consultants in feedlot nutrition. Existing and potential programs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln offer opportunities for unique collaborations in the diverse aspects of food animal production. We are looking for an individual who will lead dynamic and cutting-edge programming that builds relationships between the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) and our food animal stakeholders, develops knowledge and leadership skills in our increasingly diverse undergraduate students, and excites students about career opportunities in food animal agriculture.

Collaborations of this position within IANR and across the state will result in expected outcomes including, but not limited to: enhanced in-state, out-of-state, and transfer student enrollment and retention; greater diversity of undergraduate students; improved University of Nebraska and CASNR brand awareness; development of student career readiness skills including critical thinking, leadership, teamwork, confidence, and communication; enhanced hands-on and experiential learning opportunities; a greater number of relevant internship opportunities; highly effective 4-H Livestock and food animal products programs that help youth develop key skills related to food animal production; strengthen 4-H Extension Educator capacity to manage 4-H Livestock programs; adult 4-H leader development; and enhanced relationships with potential students, parents, producers, livestock organizations, commodity groups, and meat processors in the state and region. This position will assist with statewide evaluation/judging programs including planning, policy management, and coordination of the Nebraska State Fair, the Premier Animal Science Event (PASE), AKSARBEN, and other food animal events. This position will be expected to collaborate to deliver science-based information to enhance understanding of the value of phenotype to sustainability of live animal and meat production in integrated food animal production systems.
A master’s degree in animal science, meat science, or a related field, with the degree completed by time of hire, and knowledge and experience in food animal management and animal husbandry are required. Experience teaching animal science related coursework; ability to effectively coach and enhance student success through the intercollegiate meats judging program; excellent written, oral, and interpersonal communication skills; and the ability to work in a diverse team atmosphere are required. Experience in engaging youth in non-formal educational settings is also required. Candidates with a Ph.D. in animal science, meat science, food science, or closely related field with emphasis on beef or pork production; a demonstrated commitment to excellence in teaching and learning and capability to develop innovative, effective methods of teaching undergraduate courses; previous experience and capabilities to serve as the coach of the intercollegiate meats judging team; and an ability to reach youth audiences through creative outreach efforts are preferred.

To view details of the position and make application, go to http://employment.unl.edu, requisition F_190048. Click “Apply to this job” and complete the information form. Attach a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and contact information for three professional references. Review of applications will begin May 17, 2019 and will continue until the position is filled or the search is closed.

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