RESEARCH PROGRAM MANAGER

Are you interested in bacon, brats, prime rib, food safety and pharmaceutical products? Contributing to development of “new approaches” and “forward thinking” teaching, research, and Extension programs of our land grant university?

The state-of-the-art Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery (MSABD) building will be completed in Spring 2019. The program manager’s role is oversight of activities occurring in the USDA-inspected space and support of activities occurring in the Biosafety Level 2 facility. S/he will manage the existing Meat Science Lab program, transition to the MSABD and oversee the evolution of the program into the MSABD’s 21st century facility.

The Animal Sciences Department’s missions are research, instruction and extension. The MSABD building is designed to support these missions with programmatic themes focusing on 1) Minimal and further processed meat and poultry products resulting from the complete chain of events from live animal (cattle, poultry, sheep, and swine) to product, 2) Retail meat sales to foster consumer education and revenue generation, and 3) Animal-derived biologics targeted to both animal agriculture and human health. The program manager will report to the Director of MSABD and be responsible for activities related to the first two themes and tissue collection activities to support the third theme. This is an opportunity to be involved in a vibrant muscle foods program at Wisconsin, which has a long and rich history of collaboration with the national meat industry.

Operational procedures must comply with regulations imposed by the USDA-Food Safety and Inspection Service, CALS Animal Care and Use Committee, and campus security (Police, Fire and Biosafety) so be ready to learn and apply the “rules and regs”. Undergraduate students will be the principal labor force in MSABD so the desire and skills to attract, train, mentor, and enthuse students in the work of the meat industry is important to the MSABD program.

QUALIFICATIONS:

B.S. in Meat Science, Animal Science or Food Science with a minimum of two years of hands-on experience spanning animal harvest to retail product. The ideal candidate will have more years of experience, university meat lab experience, and/or an MS degree. Essential skills beyond
meat technology include interpersonal communication, human relations, food safety, and humane animal handling.

PRINCIPAL DUTIES (percentages are approximate and may vary widely from week to week):

1) 35% - Manage operation of equipment and staff in USDA inspected spaces of MSABD. Have an ability to perform all animal harvest, fabrication and meat processing activities, and train students to do likewise.

2) 10% - Maintain operation of the USDA inspected spaces in compliance with USDA and OSHA inspection requirements. Possess familiarities with HACCP protocols, standard operating procedures, good manufacturing practices, sanitation procedures, sampling for microbiological testing, and meat product recall procedures.

3) 15% - Supervise staff and students in USDA inspected space as well as retail store. This includes a retail store manager, retail store workers, and up to 40 undergraduate student workers. Supervision includes development and implementation of training programs.

4) 15% - Coordinate facility use with faculty member teaching, research and Extension programs. Assist with these programs in person or via designees.

5) 15% - Coordinate facility use via facility use agreements and fee for service contracts with extramural clients. Assist clients with project experimental design as needed. This also may include product tasting and oversight of client sensory tests.

6) 5% - Supervise cash handling procedures of retail store.

7) 5% - Manage operating budget for USDA inspected spaces which will include student labor, maintenance, facility use, and purchase or replacement of equipment.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

To view the UW-Madison job posting, go to [http://jobs.hr.wisc.edu/cw/en-us/job/499913/meat-lab-manager](http://jobs.hr.wisc.edu/cw/en-us/job/499913/meat-lab-manager). Position Vacancy Listing identifier is 96341. Application process closes on February 1, 2019 at 11:55 PM. Applications must be submitted by that deadline to be considered. Questions may be directed to Dan Schaefer, MSABD Director, at dmschaef@wisc.edu, 608-263-2504, or 608-445-6852.

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