



Position Announcement

Department of Animal and Food Sciences Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

Position: Assistant Professor of Companion Animal Science (Tenure-Track) in either (1) human-animal bond (2) behavior or (3) nutrition and health/well-being

Available: January 1, 2020

Application Deadline: September 1, 2019

Background: The Department of Animal and Food Sciences is one of seven departments within the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Texas Tech University. The department is housed in a modern research and teaching facility and has excellent research support. There are 27 faculty members in the department, many of whom are leading researchers in their respective fields. Areas of research emphasis include meat science and muscle biology, food science and safety, animal nutrition, health, and animal welfare, and companion animal science. This position is an integral part of one of the strategic areas for growth of research on campus. The companion animal science area has 3 unique research centers, including the Texas Tech Therapeutic Riding Center, The Canine Olfaction and Behavior Lab, and The Human-Animal Interaction Lab. The successful applicant will be expected to provide leadership in their area of expertise and to build collaborative programs with faculty members in the department, as well as other departments in the College and University, including the Burkhart Center for Autism, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and other institutions.

Responsibilities: The appointment is for teaching and research. Teaching responsibilities will include: 1) teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in the area of companion animal science; 2) creating opportunities outside the classroom for development of leadership skills in undergraduate students; 3) engaging in the recruiting, advisement, and placement of undergraduate students. Research responsibilities will include: 1) providing leadership in the development of research efforts in the general area of companion animal science, with a focus on dogs and/or cats; 2) securing extramural funding to support research efforts and graduate students; and 3) publishing research findings in scholarly journals. In addition to teaching and research efforts, participation in public service and outreach activities and engagement in professional organizations is an expectation for all faculty members in the

department. Service duties include program-building, as well as commitment to extra-curricular activities. Service to the department, college and University is expected.

Qualifications:

Ph.D. in Animal Science or related area with a strong track record that promises excellence in both teaching and research. Individuals who also have a D.V.M. (or the equivalent such as B.V.Sc.) are strongly encouraged to apply. The successful applicant will develop an independent and collaborative research program in companion animal science with a focus on nutrition, management, behavior, or health. Interaction with existing strong research programs in animal behavior, human-animal bond, therapeutic intervention, nutrition, health, physiology, and welfare, as well as engagement with the companion animal industry is critical. Candidates who have very strong records of scholarship supported by extramural funding and who have the proven capacity or clear potential to bring externally sponsored research to Texas Tech University are encouraged to apply.

Salary:

Commensurate with qualifications and experience. This is a full-time, 9-month, tenure-track academic appointment. It is expected that an additional 3 months of summer support can be realized through extramural funding or teaching.

Application:

Applicants must apply on line at <https://jobs.texastech.edu>; click on "Faculty" and enter in requisition number 17694BR. Please upload a cover letter and complete curriculum vita that includes a list of publications and any other information reflecting professional activity and qualifications. In addition, please provide a complete description of your research, teaching, and industry activities. Arrange for three letters of reference from individuals who can provide a critical evaluation of your qualifications for the position to be forwarded to: Dr. Nathan Hall, Department of Animal & Food Sciences, Box 42141, Lubbock, TX 79409-2141. Dr. Hall's contact information is: 806-834-8924 or nathaniel.j.hall@ttu.edu.

As an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer, Texas Tech University is dedicated to the goal of building a culturally diverse faculty committed to teaching and working in a multicultural environment. We actively encourage applications from all those who can contribute, through their research, teaching, and/or service, to the diversity and excellence of the academic community at Texas Tech University. The university welcomes applications from minorities, women, veterans, persons with disabilities, and dual-career couples.