Full-time academic vacancy in the field of “Theriogenology of Ruminants”

Start date: 01/09/2022

Vacancy reference: FMV-211215-01

Description of the course load
A full time, indivisible position in the field of Theriogenology of Ruminants attached to the Clinical Department of Production Animals. This post includes teaching, research and services to the community.

Teaching activities
The teaching tasks consist in ensuring the training of Master 1, 2 and 3 students through theoretical courses and practical teaching - clinical and on-call - associated with the following courses:

- VETE2061-1 Semiology of production animals
- VETE2078-1 Ruminant health and production management,
- VETE2085-1 Production Animal Clinic and
- VETE2095-1 Clinical module on production animals

The teaching tasks also consist in ensuring the training of students enrolled in the Specialised Masters in Veterinary Sciences, through the following courses:

- VETE0460-1 Ruminant clinic and on-call services including anaesthesia and imaging and
- VETE0461-1 Herd medicine clinic: farm visits, reproduction monitoring and mobile clinic.

Research Activities
The research activities developed should feed into the theoretical and clinical teaching of the discipline. There will be complete freedom in the choice of topic, as long as it contributes to the sustainability of farms that include ruminants. Research activities include the supervision of doctoral theses in the discipline. They will be part of an interdisciplinary research centre (e.g.: FARAH) and will be established in collaboration with other expertise available in-house and externally.

Services to the Community
These services will be based on clinical activity in the Ruminant Clinic and on farms, continuing education of practising veterinarians and integration into the various faculty bodies. The lecturer should be involved in the professional sector at regional, national and international level and have recognised expertise in the field of Theriogenology. They will also have to participate actively in promoting the international and national reputation of the University of Liège.

Qualifications required / profile

- Be a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, be entitled to practice in Belgium and have obtained a PhD.
- Be a graduate of one of the following colleges: European College of Animal Reproduction (ECAR), American College of Theriogenologists (ACT) or the European College of Bovine Health Management (ECBHM). Applicants who have completed their residency in one of the two disciplines, but do not yet have the title of specialist, may also apply for the position.
• Theoretical knowledge and clinical experience in the field of individual and herd theriogenology (including mammary health) are essential.
• A good command of the French language is necessary.
• Applicants must demonstrate an interest and real aptitude for teaching (teaching plan).
• Good interpersonal skills. Leadership, teamwork and communication skills.
• Demonstrated ability to conduct research projects and scientific publications. Be able to develop a promising research topic that meets societal expectations, ideally but not exclusively, on the theme of ruminant reproduction and/or mammary health.

Selection procedure
Each candidate’s application will be examined by a faculty committee in charge of selecting the candidates to be interviewed, giving reasons for its decisions with regard to this vacancy announcement and the qualifications and merits of the candidates. It will then interview the candidates. The audition focuses in particular on the candidate’s curriculum vitae, their teaching and research projects and their integration into the university. The selection process includes delivery of a public lecture.

Our institutional policy is based on diversity and equal opportunities. We select candidates on the basis of their qualities regardless of age, sexual orientation, origin, beliefs, disability or nationality.

Applications
Applicants are requested to submit their applications electronically, to the following address: Postesacademiques@uliege.be with a copy to candidatures.fmv@uliege.be no later than 15 February 2022.

Documents required:
• An application (with a cover letter) accompanied by a complete curriculum vitae;
• A report on past and current research activities and a research plan, including the envisaged integration within the University of Liège;
• A teaching file including a report on any prior teaching activities and a teaching plan;
• A digital copy of publications.

Recruitment conditions
The post-holder will be appointed either for a fixed term of four years, or definitively.

If the post is granted definitively, an evaluation will take place during the third year.

• If this evaluation is negative, the appointment will end after the four-year period.
• If the assessment is positive, the person concerned shall be appointed on a permanent basis.

Information
Further information on the position can be obtained from the President of the Clinical Department of Production Animals: Dr. Martine Laitat - mlaitat@uliege.be

Remuneration:
Salary scales and how they are applied are available from the human resources department of the University: Ms Ludivine Depas – tel.: +32 (0) 4 366 52 04 – Ludivine.Depas@uliege.be