



Director, Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

The College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Georgia invites applications and nominations for the position of Director of the Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (AVDL) located in Athens, Georgia. The AVDL Director will lead a team of six faculty and 24 staff in a full service, AAVLD accredited, NAHLN tier 1 laboratory with biopsy, clinical pathology, necropsy, virology/serology, microbiology, and molecular biology sections. The Director is responsible for all operational activities of the laboratory including budget development and management, supervision of professional and technical staff, and management of the quality program. The AVDL Director works closely with the Head, Department of Pathology and the Director, Tifton Veterinary Diagnostic and Investigational Laboratory in coordinating veterinary diagnostic activities across Georgia and in interacting with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, other state diagnostic laboratories, the National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL), the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) & other state and federal agencies. The Director reports to Head of the Department of Pathology.

University resources such as the high containment Animal Health Research Center (<http://vet.uga.edu/ahrc>), Center for Vaccines and Immunology (<http://vet.uga.edu/cvi>), Biomedical and Health Sciences Institute (<http://bhsi.uga.edu/>), the Complex Carbohydrate Research Center (<http://ccrc.uga.edu/>), Center for Food Safety (<http://cfs.caes.uga.edu/>), as well as the Office of Research Services (<http://research.uga.edu/offices-services/>) provide access to state of the art facilities and research support services. Participation in the Georgia Clinical and Translational Science Alliance (<http://georgiactsa.org/>) and proximity to and ongoing departmental interactions with nearby facilities such as the Centers for Disease Control, Yerkes Primate Center, Atlanta Zoo, Georgia Aquarium, USDA-ARS laboratories, USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service Laboratories, and UGA Medical Partnership ensure a broad range of collaborative possibilities.

Requirements:

Candidates must have a DVM degree or equivalent, advanced training in an applicable veterinary specialty or board certification in a relevant veterinary specialty, and a minimum of three years' experience working in or directly with a diagnostic lab.

The successful candidate will be appointed as either a Clinical (non-tenure track), Tenure Track, or Tenured faculty member at the Associate or Full Professor level, depending upon qualifications.

To be considered for the Associate Professor level, candidates must demonstrate clear and convincing evidence of emerging stature as a regional or national authority in their field of expertise.

To be considered at the Professor level, candidates must show clear and convincing evidence of high levels of attainment appropriate to their work assignments. Candidates must also demonstrate national or international recognition in their field as well as the likelihood of maintaining that stature.

To be considered at the Clinical Associate Professor level, candidates should demonstrate excellence in clinical competency and should at minimum be recognized at the regional level as an authority within a



practice specialty based on documented excellence in diagnostics, patient care, student instruction, scholarly activities, professional leadership, practice and/or service as related to the position.

To be considered at the Clinical Professor level, candidates should demonstrate excellence in clinical competency and should be recognized at the national level as an authority within a practice specialty based on documented excellence in diagnostics, patient care, student instruction, scholarly activities, professional leadership, practice and/or service as related to the position. In addition, candidates should demonstrate superior performance and be recognized by students and peers as an outstanding educator in the discipline.

To be eligible for tenure upon appointment, candidates must be appointed as an associate or full professor, be tenured at their current institution or have been tenured at a prior institution, and bring a demonstrably national reputation to the institution. Candidates must be approved for tenure upon appointment before hire.

Preferred Qualifications:

Desirable qualifications include an advanced degree in a relevant field, three years' administrative experience including management of personnel and budgets, regulatory policy, and quality management systems, a broad knowledge of diagnostic laboratory disciplines, and evidence of strong communication, administrative, interpersonal, and organizational skills. Qualifications consistent with appointment at the professor level are preferred. Additional responsibilities of the AVDL Director may include instruction of veterinary and graduate students and residents, provision of diagnostic services, and the pursuit of both basic and applied research in his or her area of expertise.

About the University of Georgia:

UGA's main campus is located in Athens, Georgia, 70 miles northeast of Atlanta. It has campuses in Griffin and Tifton, and programs in Gwinnett and Atlanta. UGA employs approximately 2,000 full-time instructional faculty and more than 7,000 full-time staff. The University's enrollment exceeds 38,500 students, including over 29,500 undergraduates and over 9,000 graduate and professional students. Academic programs reside in 17 schools and colleges, as well as a medical partnership with Augusta University housed on the UGA Health Sciences Campus in Athens. For more information about the University of Georgia, please refer to <https://www.uga.edu/>.

Athens offers a rich cultural and diverse environment connected with the university and is perennially identified as one of America's most livable cities with a low cost of living. (<http://www.visitathensga.com/>).

Applications: Applicant screening will begin immediately. Candidates are encouraged to submit their materials by Sunday, May 3, 2020; however, screening will continue until the position is filled. The application packet should include a cover letter detailing how the applicant's credentials and experience meet the needs, responsibilities, and qualifications stated above; a current resume; and contact information for three references (who will not be contacted without further correspondence with the applicant).



All applicants must apply online at <https://www.ugajobsearch.com>. Please see the job posting at: <http://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/146525>.

To request a descriptive ***Opportunity Profile*** for this position, provide a nomination, or seek additional information, please contact Damla Williams, Primary Consultant with the UGA Search Group, 706-542-7344 or damlaw@uga.edu. Letters of recommendation or a simple nomination should include the name and contact information for the nominee.

The College of Veterinary Medicine values all members of the university community, recognizing that differences in experience and culture can only lead to a more well-rounded, accepting academic environment. We have an expectation that all employees will demonstrate a contribution to diversity and inclusion as embodied in our Principles of Community (<http://vet.uga.edu/principles-of-community>)

The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ethnicity, age, genetic information, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation or protected veteran status. As such, the University of Georgia is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community. We not only strongly encourage women, minorities and other diverse candidates to consider applying for this position, but we also maintain that all candidates should share our commitment to diversity and inclusion. Persons needing accommodations or assistance with the accessibility of materials related to this search are encouraged to contact Central HR (HRWeb@uga.edu). Please do not contact the department or search committee with such requests.