

WILDLIFE VETERINARIAN – NY STATE WILDLIFE HEALTH PROGRAM

The Department of Public and Ecosystem Health in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University invites applications for an Assistant/Associate Professor of Practice position as a Wildlife Veterinarian with the New York State Wildlife Health Program. This program is a partnership between the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the College of Veterinary Medicine. The program involves wildlife disease surveillance and monitoring; policy consultations; training, preparedness and response in the event of disease outbreaks; training of staff, veterinary students, and residents; wildlife health research; and veterinary consultation. The successful candidate will be expected to fully participate in the program as well as maintain a creative research program focused on wildlife health issues of importance to New York State. Primary duties will be to handle wildlife cases, publish, teach students, and conduct wildlife disease research. Other desirable qualities of the successful candidate include strong interpersonal skills, effective communication, leadership talent, public-speaking experience, and the ability to work in collaborative environment.

This position is a full-time, initial three-year appointment with renewals pending continued funding and satisfactory performance. The estimated distribution effort for the successful candidate will be 35% clinical service, 30% teaching, 30% research, and 5% academic service. The caseload consists of New York native wildlife species. The program handles 2000 cases annually. This position will be responsible for handling considerable communication, preparedness, and training for DEC staff. These may include, but are not limited to: chemical immobilization/euthanasia and training for wildlife field staff (all state agencies), including record keeping, chemical storage, and assistance with field projects related to animal capture; development of various "best management practices" related to wildlife rehabilitation, handling non-lead ammunition issues, live animal seizures, and biosecurity; establish relationships with sovereign tribal nations to ensure adequate knowledge of and ability to test for wildlife health issues; interface with other states, particularly in the Northeast, to collaborate and share wildlife disease information; work with NYS Depts. of Health and Agriculture & Markets on issues related to wildlife and develop inter-agency disease response plans for identified pathogens; develop outreach materials and host workshops on specific topics. The successful candidate will also be expected to be well versed on wildlife disease concerns, handle wildlife cases, publish scientific papers and outreach materials, teach students of all levels, participate in or develop wildlife disease research projects as needed, travel occasionally for in-person training, participate in professional conferences, and other duties as assigned. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to develop specific areas of interest and seek collaborations within and external to the University. This includes securing extramural funding and producing peer-reviewed publications.

Requirements for this position include a DVM degree (or equivalent) and preferably a PhD in a biological or biomedical field, 3-5 years of experience in a wildlife field, and experience working with state, federal, and tribal wildlife agencies or non-government organizations is preferred. The ideal candidate will have a record of scholarly accomplishment and must obtain a NYS veterinary medical license.

This position is located at Cornell University in beautiful Ithaca, New York. The University offers an exciting work environment with opportunities for innovative research, outreach, and teaching collaborations with faculty active in international conservation work, sustainability, and field ecology in the Colleges of Veterinary Medicine, Human Ecology, and Agriculture and Life Sciences. The Ithaca campus also houses state-of-the-art core facilities

such as in vivo imaging and genomics, and the full-service multi-disciplinary Animal Health Diagnostic Center, with additional potential for partnerships with other state and federal agencies and conservation organizations.

Cornell University embraces diversity and seeks candidates who will create a climate that attracts students of all races and nationalities and both genders. Women, underrepresented minorities, and people with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. Salary will be commensurate with academic credentials and experience.

For more information, please contact Dr. Krysten Schuler, Faculty Search Committee Chair, at ks833@cornell.edu. To apply, submit a cover letter including a statement of career goals, curriculum vitae, statement of research interests and plans, statement of teaching interests and plans, statement of contributions to inclusion and diversity, and the names of 3 individuals who can provide references. Statements should be limited to not more than 1 page each. Prospective candidates should upload their application materials to <https://academicjobsonline.org/ajob/jobs/21402>. The search committee will begin considering complete applications on April 1 and will continue until the position is filled. The successful applicant anticipated start date could be as early as July 2022.

Cornell University seeks to meet the needs of dual-career couples through its Dual Career Program and is a member of the Upstate New York Higher Education Recruitment Consortium to assist with dual-career searches

What is a Statement of Contribution to Inclusion and Diversity?

This statement invites applicants to describe their past, present, and/or future aspirations to promoting equity, inclusion, and diversity in their careers as researchers and educators, and/or to convey how they see these commitments continuing at Cornell. Such articulation can focus on teaching, research or service, or all three factors.

Diversity and Inclusion are a part of Cornell University's heritage. We are a recognized employer and educator valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans and Individuals with Disabilities. We also recognize a lawful preference in employment practices for Native Americans living on or near Indian reservations. Cornell University is an innovative Ivy League university and a great place to work. Our inclusive community of scholars, students, and staff impart an uncommon sense of larger purpose, and contribute creative ideas to further the university's mission of teaching, discovery, and engagement.

As part of the university's [comprehensive vaccination program](#), all Cornell employees are required to have and provide proof of an FDA-or WHO-authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine and booster or have obtained a university-approved disability/medical or religious exemption, regardless of their role and work location.

New hires are required to provide documentation showing full vaccination status (that is, completion of two shots of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or one shot of the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson) before their first day of work. If a new hire's vaccination is not complete or information is not received by their start date, the first day of work will be delayed. It is possible in some cases that an offer of employment may be withdrawn. New hires are also required to have and provide proof of their vaccine booster within 30 days of the start of their employment or within 30 days of eligibility for the vaccine booster.

For additional information on Cornell's Vaccination/Booster Compliance Program [click here](#).