



We are seeking a postdoctoral fellow to work on chronic wasting disease (CWD) related projects as a member of the Wildlife Futures Program at the University of Pennsylvania. The postdoctoral fellow will work on ongoing projects and help launch a new project on CWD in Pennsylvania. The position will assist with the development of improved laboratory procedures for detecting CWD and applying these to active surveillance in the state. In addition, there is the opportunity to use an extensive existing dataset on CWD to address key epidemiological questions. Flexibility exists for the postdoc to pursue areas of their interests that support the mission of the Wildlife Futures Program. The position will work closely with biologists at the Pennsylvania Game Commission and have immediate influence on applied management decisions while simultaneously working within the Penn Biomedical Sciences program.

The position will include the publication of research findings in peer-reviewed journals and representing the Wildlife Futures Program at professional meetings and trainings. If desired there is the opportunity for mentorship of students, particularly summer veterinary students. The work will be conducted under the guidance of Drs. Roderick (Erick) Gagne and Michelle Gibison. The position has funding for three years with a starting salary of \$57,000. In addition, funding will be provided to support the postdoc traveling to academic conferences, workshops, or other career development opportunities. The start date is flexible with a targeted start in January 2023.

The position is located at PennVet New Bolton Center in Chester County, PA. New Bolton Center is in the beautiful Brandywine Valley where there are many nearby opportunities for outdoor recreation and cultural attractions, including Longwood Gardens, Brandywine River Museum of Art, vineyards, breweries, and a vibrant restaurant scene including downtown Kennett Square. In addition, the postdoc will be a part of the University of Pennsylvania's Biomedical Postdoctoral Program [Home | Biomedical Postdoctoral Programs | Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania \(upenn.edu\)](#). The program emphasizes career and personal development and strives to provide the highest quality training in and outside of the labs. There will be opportunities for the postdoc to travel to Philadelphia (~35 miles) as well as remotely participate in programing provided by the program.

### **Qualifications**

A Ph.D. or DVM/VMD or equivalent is required. We will consider applicants with multiple areas of expertise but with a general interest in wildlife diseases. The ability to collaborate and clearly communicate written and verbal scientific objectives and project results to a broad audience (e.g., public, agency staff) is required. Above all else, the position requires someone committed to a safe, respectful, and diverse working environment.

To apply, please submit a cover letter, CV, and contact information for three references to Erick Gagne, [rgagne@upenn.edu](mailto:rgagne@upenn.edu). Review of applications will be rolling. Please feel free to reach out with any questions about this position.