

## CLINICAL TRACK - ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND BACTERIOLOGY SECTION HEAD

**Campus/Location:** University Park Campus

**Date Announced:** 09/11/2018

**Date Closing:** *open until filled*

**Job Number:** 82917 (<https://psu.jobs/job/82917> )

### DESCRIPTION

The Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences at The Pennsylvania State University seeks applications for a 12-month, clinical non-tenure-track faculty position in diagnostic bacteriology at the level of Assistant/Associate Professor at the Penn State Animal Diagnostic Laboratory (ADL). The incumbent will serve as the Section Head of Bacteriology at ADL and the primary duties include providing supervisory and managerial oversight for daily operations and performance of technical staff, training and mentoring staff and students, communicating results and providing interpretation to clients (other ADL diagnosticians, client veterinarians and animal owners, livestock producers, regulatory agency officials, etc.), ensuring implementation of quality control/assurance and safety, developing or expanding new test offerings/test platforms, and representing the Bacteriology Section both within PADLS and externally at scientific/veterinary meetings and conferences. The position is a 100% diagnostic appointment, participation in research, teaching and extension is strongly encouraged. Excellent opportunities exist for collaborating on research projects, professional development, contributing to teaching in Veterinary Biomedical Science and mentoring undergraduate and graduate students. This position is a three-year fixed term position, renewable at the end of three years. The rank and salary will be commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the candidate. Qualified applicants for this position will have a DVM (or equivalent) degree and at least three years of related experience in an animal diagnostic laboratory. Preference will be given to veterinarians having an advanced degree in microbiology and specialty board certification in bacteriology/mycology by the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists (ACVM) or ACVM board eligibility. Excellent oral and written communication skills and demonstrated ability to lead and work as part of a team are required. The successful applicant must have a strong commitment to providing outstanding diagnostic service for ADL clients. The ADL is part of the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians accredited tripartite Pennsylvania Animal Diagnostic Laboratory System (PADLS) (<http://www.padls.org>). The PADLS system performs several thousand diagnostic tests each year on a wide variety of food and companion animals and wildlife species. The PADLS diagnosticians, collaborate on research projects, provide consultation and expert advice to clientele, commodity interest groups, veterinarians, research scientists, perform state and federal disease monitoring and surveillance programs, support field investigations and outreach/ extension activities. The Bacteriology Section of ADL is well-equipped with the latest automated identification and antimicrobial susceptibility testing technologies and has a full complement of experienced technical staff. Applicants must upload a cover letter describing future professional goals as they relate to diagnostic bacteriology along with the Curriculum Vitae. Applicants are also encouraged to provide a narrative statement describing their research, teaching and extension goals and interests. In addition, the names and contact information of three professional references must be provided. The review of applications will begin November 1, 2018, and the position will remain open until a suitable candidate is identified. For any questions or additional information about this position, please contact the search committee chair, Dr. Suresh Kuchipudi, Clinical Associate Professor and Section Head for Mammalian virology at: [skuchipudi@psu.edu](mailto:skuchipudi@psu.edu) .