

## Department Head – Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology

### Job Summary:

The College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University invites applications and letters of nomination for the Head of the Department of Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology. The Department seeks a dynamic leader with established excellence in teaching, research, diagnostics, and administration who can assume the position starting August 2017.

### Qualifications:

#### Required:

- A PhD or other earned doctoral degree in biomedical sciences or a related discipline.
- A history of obtaining extramural funding in support of research.
- Ability to communicate effectively at all levels of the university, industry, and private sectors.
- Ability to lead and manage the Department's broad, multidisciplinary programs.
- Strong commitment to student recruitment and the professional development of faculty, staff and students.
- Strong commitment to diversity and inclusiveness.

#### Preferred:

- DVM or equivalent and PhD degrees
- Teaching, research and administrative experience in an academic setting at a College of Veterinary Medicine.
- Experience in fiscal and personnel management.
- Current extramural funding in support of research.

### Appointment:

The successful candidate will be eligible for appointment as a Professor, with tenure. This is a 12-month position with competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

### How to Apply:

Interested candidates should apply at <http://www.k-state.edu/hcs/jobs/>. Please include a letter of intent addressing leadership philosophy and vision, curriculum vitae and contact information for three individuals from whom letters of reference may be requested. Nominations should be sent to **Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology Department Head Search** at [blutjeme@vet.k-state.edu](mailto:blutjeme@vet.k-state.edu). The search is confidential and references will be contacted after initial screening and after candidates have given permission.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Applications should be submitted prior to April 30, 2017.

**Contact Information:**

Please contact the search committee chair with any questions and inquiries of interest: Dr. Frank Blecha ([blecha@vet.k-state.edu](mailto:blecha@vet.k-state.edu) or 785-532-4537).

**Responsibilities:**

The Head will lead a Department of over 55 faculty members who are nationally and internationally recognized for their excellence in service, teaching, and experimental and clinical investigations of diseases of animals. In addition, the Department has over 40 adjunct and ancillary members who also contribute to research, teaching and service activities within the Department. The Department Head administers the teaching, research, and service programs of the Department, including the departmental components of the DVM curriculum, graduate student training and residency programs. The successful candidate will participate in the research mission of the college with his/her own extramurally funded research program.

*Kansas State University is an Equal Opportunity Employer of individuals with disabilities and protected veterans and actively seeks diversity among its employees. Background check required.*

**Department Information:**

The Department of Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology emphasizes funded biomedical research and provides professional (DVM) training (112 students/class year), graduate (MS and PhD) education in clinical pathology, pathology, microbiology, parasitology, cancer biology, toxicology, epidemiology, food safety and public health, and residency programs in anatomic pathology, clinical pathology, and toxicology. The Department has over 60 PhD and MS students, 6-8 post-DVM residents, over 15 post-doctoral associates and numerous visiting scientists and international scholars.

The Department has excellent, teaching, research, and diagnostic facilities. Research facilities include specialized core college laboratories for cellular and molecular biology, confocal microscopy, electron microscopy, flow cytometry and image analysis. Several research centers and institutes complement the Department's mission and include the Center of Excellence for Emerging and Zoonotic Animal Disease, the Center for Outcomes Research and Education, and the Center of Excellence for Vector-Borne Diseases. Significant opportunities for research collaboration exist with other college centers and institutes including the Beef Cattle Institute, the Midwest Institute for Comparative Stem Cell Biology, the Nanotechnology Innovation Center of Kansas State, the Institute of Computational Comparative Medicine, and the US-China Center for Animal Health, and across the university including the Terry C. Johnson Cancer Research Center, the Biosecurity Research Institute, the Gene Expression Facility, and the Biotechnology Core Facility. For more information, please consult the Department website at [www.vet.k-state.edu/education/dmp/](http://www.vet.k-state.edu/education/dmp/).

**College Information:**

With a rich history of tradition and innovation, Kansas State University is one of the oldest veterinary colleges in the United States to grant the DVM degree. Established in 1905, The College of Veterinary Medicine has built on the university's reputation for excellence. Academic departments within the College are Anatomy and Physiology, Clinical Sciences, and Diagnostic

Medicine/Pathobiology. In addition, the Veterinary Health Center and the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory provide excellent veterinary medical education, patient care, and accurate, innovative, and timely diagnostic services. Today our graduates number more than 7,000 men and women who have earned the DVM degree.

The College of Veterinary Medicine is dedicated to scholarship through innovation and excellence in teaching, research, and service to promote animal and human health for the public good. The College has completed a Strategic Planning process and is implementing a plan that will create the vision for where the College will be in 3 to 5 years. For more information, please consult the College website at <http://www.vet.k-state.edu/StrategicPlan/index.html>. We are committed to creating an environment that is fulfilling and rewarding, being recognized for good communication, productive collaboration, mutual respect, diversity, integrity, and honesty.

College faculty have leadership expertise in three broad research areas: animal health infectious disease, comparative biomedical science, and food safety and security. Close proximity and working relationships with the Kansas City Animal Health Corridor companies, the K-State Olathe campus, and several federal research facilities, including the National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility, provide important competitive advantages for College faculty. For more information, please consult the College website at [www.vet.k-state.edu](http://www.vet.k-state.edu).

### **University Information:**

Kansas State University is a Carnegie Research University at the High Research Activity level with an enrollment of more than 24,000 students, including more than 4,000 graduate students. The University is consistently recognized by the Princeton Review as one of the nation's best colleges and is a national leader among public universities in the total number of Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Goldwater and Udall prestigious scholarship winners. Kansas State University is implementing an aggressive plan to become a top 50 public research university by implementing the K-State 2025 Visionary Plan. The College of Veterinary Medicine is a major component of this student-centered research university, and collaborates with a number of other Colleges on campus, including Agriculture; Architecture, Planning and Design; Arts and Sciences; Business Administration; Education; Engineering; Human Ecology; and Technology and Aviation (K-State Polytechnic). Over the last 5 years, the campus has undergone transformational growth, investing over \$700 million in capital improvements to academic, student, and athletic facilities.

### **Manhattan, Kansas:**

Manhattan, with a population of 56,000 residents, is located in northeastern Kansas approximately 100 miles west of Kansas City in the scenic Flint Hills. Situated at the junction of the Kansas and Big Blue rivers, the surrounding area offers excellent opportunities for outdoor activities such as camping, boating, hunting, fishing, hiking and biking. As a result of the University's influence, cultural and sporting events are at a level of frequency and quality rare in cities of this size. Manhattan offers affordable housing and extremely strong elementary, middle, and high school programs. Manhattan Regional Airport is located just four miles west of Manhattan and provides direct jet airline service to both Dallas-Fort Worth and Chicago O'Hare. Manhattan offers a variety of urban amenities yet retains the best qualities of a small university town.