



Director of the Tifton Veterinary Diagnostic and Investigational Laboratory

The College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Georgia (UGA) invites applications and nominations for the position of Director of the Tifton Veterinary Diagnostic & Investigational Laboratory (TVDIL) located in Tifton, Georgia. The TVDIL Director will lead a team of five faculty and 24 staff in a full service, AAVLD accredited, NAHLN tier 1 system 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 TVDIL Director works closely with the Executive Director of the Georgia Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories and the Director of the Athens Veterinary Diagnostic 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), the Georgia Poultry Laboratory Network (GPLN) & other state and federal agencies. The Director reports to the Executive Director of the Georgia Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories. Additional responsibilities of the TVDIL 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. The TVDIL Director will also interact with the College of Veterinary Medicine Advisory Board.

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, Flint RiverQuarium and Chehaw Park & Zoo in Albany, Wild Adventures in Valdosta, and UGA Medical Partnership ensure a broad range of collaborative possibilities.

Laboratory personnel maintain close working relationships and participate in collaborative research projects with other University of Georgia personnel stationed in Tifton [approximately 400 Coastal Plain Experiment Station employees (85 faculty) and 80 Cooperative Extension employees (40 faculty)]. The TVDIL also works closely with the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and College of Veterinary Medicine personnel including the Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in Athens, GA. Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Fort Valley State University and Valdosta State University are also collaborative partners in southern Georgia.

Tifton, known as the “Friendly City” has been named as one of “The 100 Best Small Towns in America”. It is located in South Georgia that truly exemplifies southern hospitality and offers countless activities and attractions all year round from arts and agriculture to outdoor activities and antique shopping (<https://tiftontourism.com/to-do-in-tifton>). Tifton has an appealing climate and is located in the heart of the agriculturally-productive coastal plain, just 130 miles from both Atlantic and Gulf Coast beaches.



Minimum Qualifications:

- Candidates must have a DVM degree or equivalent.
- Advanced training in an applicable veterinary specialty or board certification in a relevant veterinary specialty.
- At least 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 at either tenure track or clinical faculty level please see UGA criteria at <https://provost.uga.edu/faculty-affairs/promotion-tenure-evaluation/>

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:

- An advanced degree in a relevant field.
- At least 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.

About the University of Georgia:

Since our founding in 1785, the University of Georgia has operated as Georgia's oldest, most comprehensive, and most diversified institution of higher education (<https://www.uga.edu/>). The proof is in our more than 235 years of academic and professional achievements and our continual commitment to higher education. UGA is currently ranked among the top 20 public universities in U.S. News & World Report. The University's main campus is located in Athens, approximately 65 miles northeast of Atlanta, with extended campuses in Atlanta, Griffin, Gwinnett, and Tifton.

UGA employs approximately 3,000 faculty and more than 7,700 full-time staff. The University's enrollment exceeds 40,000 students including over 30,000 undergraduates and over 10,000 graduate and professional students. Academic programs reside in 18 schools and colleges, as well as a medical partnership with Augusta University housed on the UGA Health Sciences Campus in Athens.

As one of the top public universities in the nation, UGA offers a culture of academic excellence and opportunity made all the richer by our renowned faculty, diverse community of scholar-citizens, and vibrant student life program.



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Applications: Applicant screening will begin immediately. Candidates are encouraged to submit their materials by Thursday, May 30, 2024; 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: <https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/365469>.

To request a descriptive ***Opportunity Profile*** for this position, provide a nomination, or seek additional information, please contact Callie West, Primary Consultant with the UGA Search Group, 805-813-3901 or Callie.West@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.

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. Persons needing accommodations or assistance with the accessibility of materials related to this search are encouraged to contact Central HR (hrweb@uga.edu).