

Auburn University
Professor of Practice – Youth Livestock

The Department of Animal Sciences at Auburn University (www.auburn.edu) is seeking applications for the position of Professor of Practice – Youth Livestock supporting youth livestock programming. The position is twelve-month, non-tenure track. The successful candidate will have a 100% appointment in the Department of Animal Sciences focused on youth programming in food animals. This position reports to the Department Head, Department of Animal Sciences. This position will focus on developing youth related livestock programs at the state and local levels, recruiting and working with volunteers, and engaging youth in high quality educational experiences.

Responsibilities: The successful candidate will be a member of the Department of Animal Sciences faculty and contribute extensively to the expansion of applied learning experiences for youth in food animal based programs. Specific responsibilities are: 1) serve as a liaison and leader to external partner youth programs focused on food animals, 2) provide and develop resources and content for use by stakeholders for the delivery of high-quality, academically-informed animal science youth programs, 3) develop and lead a statewide network of volunteers committed to planning and delivering youth livestock events, 4) provide training for existing and new leaders to deliver quality youth programming in food animals at the local and state levels in support of leading youth into and through competitive competition events, 5) plan, assist, implement, support and evaluate youth educational livestock related programs in 4-H, FFA, Alabama Junior Cattlemen and open youth livestock competitions at the local and state levels and 6) identify grant and other resource development opportunities, write competitive grants and manage financial resources related to youth programming focused on food animals.

Minimum Qualifications: Master's degree in Animal Science or closely related field at the time employment begins. Candidates must possess strong written and oral communication skills. Appointees in the Professor of Practice series are distinguished professionals who have significant depth of practical experience, may be distinguished as leaders in a professional field and can better enable students and faculty to succeed in their respective roles. The successful candidate must meet eligibility requirements for work in the United States at the time the appointment is scheduled to begin and continue working legally for the term of employment. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with background and experience. An attractive benefit package is available.

Preferred Qualifications: PhD degree in Animal Science or closely related field.

- 1) Demonstrated success in development and management of youth programs focused on livestock, to include; but, not limited to youth livestock shows, livestock judging, quiz bowls, skillathons and other youth related educational programming.
- 2) Experience in developing and managing people in paid and volunteer roles.
- 3) Demonstrated experience in collaborative programs to provide leadership in accomplishing project goals.
- 4) Demonstrated ability to convene and facilitate a diverse group of stakeholders with a single aim of providing quality programming for youth.

University: Auburn University is one of the nation's premier public land-grant institutions. For 24 consecutive years, Auburn has been ranked among the best of both public and private universities. An R1 institution, Auburn maintains high levels of extension, research and teaching activities and high standards for excellence. Its 2021, Auburn University enrollment was 31,526 students with approximately 80% undergraduate and 20% postgraduate students.

Organized into thirteen academic colleges and schools, Auburn's 1,426 faculty members offer more than 200 educational programs. The University is nationally recognized for its commitment to academic excellence, positive work environment, student engagement, and beautiful campus. As a land-grant institution, Auburn University is dedicated to improving the lives of the people of Alabama, the nation, and the world through forward-thinking education, life-enhancing research and scholarship, and selfless service. Auburn University is understanding of and sensitive to the family needs of faculty, including dual-career couples. For details, visit the following link: <http://www.auburn.edu/academic/provost/facultyjobs/>. Resources available to support faculty can be found here: <https://agriculture.auburn.edu/about/faculty-staff-resources/faculty-support/>.

Application Instructions: Applicants must apply for this position by visiting the link: <https://www.auemployment.com/postings/31826> and attach the following:

1. Cover letter that addresses the experience pertinent to the position's responsibilities
2. Current curriculum vita,
3. Statement of youth experience in developing and managing educational programs for youth related to animal science.
4. Statement of experience and philosophy in collaborating as part of a team for a diverse audience of internal and external stakeholders.
5. Candidate statement on diversity, equity and inclusion



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When prompted during the on-line process, please provide the names, email addresses and phone numbers for three (3) professional references. Only completed application materials will be considered. To ensure consideration for the position, applicants are encouraged to apply by September 28, 2022. The search may continue until the position is filled. Questions about this position should be directed to Dr. Jason Sawyer, Search Committee Chair, Email: jts0109@auburn.edu.

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