

**POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE/PROFESSOR
EXTENSION EQUINE SPECIALIST**

POSITION: Full-time, 12 month, tenure track

WORK LOCATION: School of Animal Sciences, LSU Agricultural Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

JOB DESCRIPTION: The position is a full-time, 12-month, tenure-track, 100% extension appointment. The individual will be expected to develop and provide leadership for a comprehensive statewide equine extension program working closely with individual parish ag & natural resource (ANR) agents, area equine agents, individual parish 4-H agents and with the Louisiana equine industry. The equine specialist will provide leadership for the Louisiana Master Horseman Program as well as Statewide ANR and 4-H equine programs. The Master Horseman program is designed to teach volunteers how to conduct educational workshops on a variety of horse management topics such as basic horse nutrition, horse evaluation, animal health care and horsemanship, etc. The statewide 4-H equine program includes organizing and conducting educational workshops for 4-H members in the equine project as well as activities such as youth horse shows and other youth events. The equine specialist will also be expected to author and publish Extension publications and a statewide newsletter covering topics important to the Louisiana horse industry and to horse owners. The equine specialist will also be expected to participate in and contribute to the national *extension* equine Community of Practice (*Horsequest*).

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: A minimum of a Ph.D. in Animal Science or closely related field with an emphasis on horse production and horsemanship. Candidates must have a strong background in horse production and excellent written and oral communication skills.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The LSU AgCenter has an attractive benefits package with a wide variety of benefit options. Benefits offered include retirement, multiple medical insurance options, supplemental insurances (dental, life, long-term disability, accident, vision, long-term care, etc.), Tax Saver Flexible Benefits Plan (saves tax dollars on some child care and medical expenses), university holidays (14 per year, typically includes a week off at Christmas), generous annual (vacation) and sick leave benefits, Employee Assistance Program, and possible educational leave and tuition exemption for coursework at campuses of the LSU System. Specific benefits depend on job category, percent effort and length of employment.

DATE AVAILABLE: Upon completion of interview process.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 30, 2009 or until a suitable candidate is identified

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Apply online at <https://lsusystemcareers.lsu.edu/> by attaching cover letter with resume, statement of extension interest, university transcripts and three letters of recommendation. For more information contact:

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