

**Position Description
Swine Center Manager
Washington State University**

Washington State University is seeking an enthusiastic individual to manage the Department of Animal Sciences Swine Center on WSU campus in Pullman. The Swine Center maintains 120 sows in a farrow- to-finish operation that supports comprehensive teaching, research and Extension programs. Farrowing occurs every month and pigs are marketed year round to a variety of marketing channels.

Title: Animal Care Facilities Manager

Position Description: Swine Center Manager – Administrative Professional (AP) position. Supervise and provide management skills in coordinating and executing teaching, research and outreach programs in relation to the Department of Animal Sciences Swine Center. The individual selected to manage this facility will be responsible for assisting in and supervising the daily care and management of the animals to facilitate teaching, research and extension missions, care and maintenance of the facilities and equipment, preparation and maintenance of swine center budgets and inventories, training of swine center personnel, and maintaining and monitoring records as required for University, state and federal regulations.

Duties Include:

- Develop and implement breeding protocols, heat detection, artificial insemination and farrowing schedules. Implement breeding and selection plans for genetic improvement.
- Develop and implement nutrition, feeding, marketing, and health programs for animals maintained at the unit.
- Teach Swine Management Laboratory. Support additional department teaching needs by providing pigs for classroom use.
- Train and supervise student employees in methods of proper animal handling and management skills.
- Serve as advisor for Student Swine Cooperative and other undergraduate experiential learning programs.
- Support research faculty by providing accurate animal performance, feed consumption, reproductive status, genetic history and other information as needed. Must be able to closely follow research protocols and assist in data collection as needed.
- Track expenditures and receipts, conduct billing, and provide 6 month and annual budget status reports to Department chair
- Maintain detailed records on animal health, behavior and care that comply with approved regulatory requirements.
- Support Extension programs provided to clientele involved in the swine industry.
- Maintain Swine Center equipment and facilities in conjunction with the Animal Sciences Farm Shop personnel.

- Communicate regularly with the Animal Sciences Department faculty and staff.
- Follow appropriate animal, equipment usage, and personnel safety procedures.
- Adhere to guidelines for proper animal care as required by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and the Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care.

Minimum Qualifications Required:

- B.S. degree in animal science or related discipline
- Strong background and experience working with pigs and swine producers
- Excellent interpersonal and communications skills
- Ability to lift a weight of 50 pounds
- Must possess a valid driver's license

Qualifications Preferred But Not Required:

- M.S. degree in animal science or related discipline
- Past experience in time management and managing student personnel to meet established goals
- Demonstrated skills in swine evaluation, husbandry techniques (e.g. heat detection, artificial insemination, diet formulation), and personnel management
- Experience in conduct of scientific research involving animals
- Strong academic credentials
- Experience in teaching undergraduate students
- Knowledge and experience regarding safe animal handling and safe management practices

Salary and Benefits: Salary is negotiable and depends on experience. Excellent benefit package is provided.

Application: To apply, visit <https://www.wsujobs.com> position number 037937. WSU is an EO/AA Educator and Employer.

The following items must be included:

- letter of application
- resume
- college/university transcripts
- contact information for 3 references

Date Available: Immediately

Screening Date: Screening of applicants begins October 7, 2009 and continues until a suitable candidate is found.

For Additional Information: contact

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