POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
POSITION: Sheep Specialist
Department of Animal Science
College of Agriculture & Natural Resources
University of Wyoming

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Department of Animal Science at the University of Wyoming is seeking candidates for the position of Assistant Professor, Sheep Specialist (position #1118). This 11-month, tenure track position will have 50% extension, 30% research, 15% teaching/advising, and 5% service responsibilities. The state of Wyoming currently ranks 4th or greater in all categories of production of sheep and wool in the US, with an active and progressive industry. The individual will be expected to develop a relevant and impactful extension program in sheep that is aimed at increasing sustainability and profitability of this industry. In research, expectations are that the successful candidate will develop a nationally recognized program of sheep research with emphasis in translational and/or applied science. Several collaborative opportunities exist with current Animal Science and College of Ag and Natural Resources faculty to address sheep production questions ranging from emphasis in molecular techniques to production and management issues including end products and marketing. Research discipline of the individual in this position is flexible, however, the expectation is their research would contribute to one or more of our focus areas of reproduction, ruminant nutrition, genetics, meat science or fetal programming. Teaching responsibilities would primarily entail a sheep production and management course.

Access to excellent research and teaching facilities that house a flock of approximately 250 breeding ewes is provided by the Laramie Research and Extension Center (LREC). This Center, located approximately 5 miles from campus, has group feeding facilities and a Grow Safe system for individual intake data collection with sheep. Sheep industry links with LREC and the Department are augmented through two Ram Sire tests also conducted at this location. These facilities are supplemented by a multipurpose research unit equipped with metabolism and surgery facilities to support intensive research investigations. Furthermore, the Center for Fetal Programming, a unit of LREC, also has unique resources available.

The University of Wyoming enrolls approximately 14,000 students which includes 3,000 graduate students. The Animal Science department consists of 15 faculty members with approximately 225 undergraduate students. Laramie is located in the Rocky Mountain region of southeastern Wyoming approximately 120 miles from Denver. In addition to opportunities for academic excellence, the University of Wyoming and Laramie offer a college-town environment with extraordinary cultural and outdoor recreational activities.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:
• An earned doctorate in Animal Science or similar degree from an accredited institution.
• Excellent oral and written communication skills
• Training in a discipline that supports the sheep industry needs in Wyoming. This training includes, but is not limited to, physiology, reproduction, nutrition, genetics, meat science, production, or grazing management.
• Experience and background to support extension, research and teaching in commercial sheep production and management.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:
• Evidence of ability to build and maintain working relationships with Wyoming sheep producers.
• Experience in development and delivery of extension education programs
• Evidence of potential to develop a comprehensive and impactful sheep extension program
• Productive in research with the potential to build and sustain a nationally relevant program
• Broad knowledge of sheep production and management
• Broad knowledge of animal agriculture
• Teaching experience with undergraduate students
• Evidence of willingness to work in a team environment

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Applicants should submit a letter of application/statement of interest which describes the applicant’s experience and goals in extension, research and teaching, a curriculum vitae and contact information for three professional references (include name, title, address, phone, and email) to Karen Marr (kbarker1@uwyo.edu). All documents must be submitted as a single pdf file, and all requested information must be submitted to be given full consideration. For questions regarding the application process, please contact Karen Marr (307-766-2315 (kbarker1@uwyo.edu). For more information regarding the position please contact Dr. Steve Paisley, Search Committee Chair (spaisley@uwyo.edu, (307) 760-1561). Screening of applications will begin on March 1, 2016 and continue until a suitable candidate is identified.

The University of Wyoming is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or protected veteran status or any other characteristic protected by law and University policy. Please see www.uwyo.edu/diversity/fairness.

We conduct background investigations for all final candidates being considered for employment. Offers of employment are contingent upon the completion of the background check.