



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF POPULATION HEALTH
College of Veterinary Medicine
Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant Research Scientist/Regional Wildlife Health Coordinator, Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia

The Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study (College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia) is seeking applications for an Assistant Research Scientist to serve as a Regional Wildlife Health Coordinator in the Southeastern U.S. This position is a collaboration between the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA), United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and SCWDS. This is a non-tenure track faculty position at SCWDS with three years of initial funding. Renewal will be based on continued funding and satisfactory performance.

The service effort (60%) of this position will involve working with SCWDS faculty/staff to provide wildlife disease expertise to SEAFWA member agencies, as well as representing the Southeast on regional or national wildlife health coordination efforts. This service effort may involve: wildlife disease surveillance and monitoring assistance and consultation; policy and management consultations; assistance with outbreak investigations; training of agency staff; and other wildlife related assistance. This person will participate in SEAFWA technical committees and support the work of other regional fish and wildlife associations' health committees.

The research effort (40%) of this position will be to conceive and coordinate regional wildlife health surveillance and research projects to address existing and emerging wildlife health challenges. Collaborative research should focus on understanding epidemiology and pathobiology of wildlife-related emerging diseases to better inform disease surveillance, management, and risk communication approaches. Such work will require building or enhancing relationships with state, federal, tribal, and academic wildlife health partners in the region. The successful candidate will be expected to seek collaborative extramural research funding, publish manuscripts, and present at scientific conferences.

A PhD in a in wildlife biology/ecology, veterinary science, epidemiology, or related field is required. A DVM is encouraged but not required. One or more years of experience working with state wildlife agencies is required. The successful candidate must be well-versed in wildlife diseases. Strong interpersonal skills, excellent communication skills, proven leadership abilities, and ability to thrive in a collaborative research environment are critical. Establishing and maintaining working relationships with state and federal agency personnel, and other collaborators is essential.

Interested persons can find more information and a complete description of this position online at – <https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/258246> and application materials should be submitted online at the same website. The posting will remain open until filled. The anticipated start date is October 1, 2022. Questions should be directed to the Search Committee Chair, Mark Ruder (mgruder@uga.edu, 706-542-1741).

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