

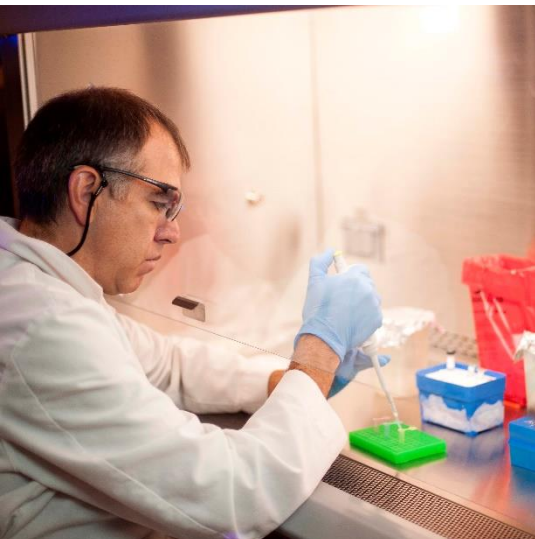


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OF WYOMING

POSITION PROFILE

Riverbend Ranch Endowed Professor of Wildlife-Livestock Health

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Nestled amid the beauty of two mountain ranges in southeastern Wyoming, you will find the nationally recognized teaching and research institution, the **University of Wyoming (UW)**. Established as a land-grant institution in 1886 when Wyoming was still a territory, UW has since grown to nearly 200 areas of study, drawing approximately 12,000 students from all 50 states and 83 countries. UW is known for its accomplished faculty and world-class facilities, its low student/faculty ratio, and quality undergraduate and graduate programs within its colleges of Agriculture, Life Sciences and Natural Resources, Arts & Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering & Physical Sciences, Health Sciences, Law, and the Honors College, as well as the School of Energy Resources, School of Computing, and the Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources. To learn more: <http://www.uwyo.edu>

Throughout its existence, UW has been the only four-year public university in the state of Wyoming, though it maintains close relationships with the state's eight community colleges. UW's global impact begins with innovative undergraduate and graduate research opportunities and extends through state and federal partnerships and recent initiatives such as the Wyoming Institute for Humanities Research, the School of Energy Resources, and the School of Computing. UW has played important roles in the lives of students, Wyoming residents, and communities for 137 years and has been:

- Recognized by *Forbes* in 2019 as "One of America's Best Value Colleges."
- Rated as a "Top 15 Outdoor Adventure College" by *Outside* magazine.

Furthermore, Wyoming ranked #4 in the *U.S. News and World Report's* "Best States for Higher Education".

The University community is working collaboratively to help the University reinforce and strengthen its reputation as it adapts to changing economic factors in the state and beyond. The University's strategic roadmap, "[Forward for Wyoming 2023+: A Strategic Plan for the University of Wyoming](#)," demonstrates that it is an exciting time to be a part of UW as the institution embarks on ambitious and impactful initiatives.

Location: Located in Laramie, Wyoming, a town with approximately 31,000 people, has a unique blend of sophistication and Western hospitality. UW not only provides an environment for success but also offers varied academic and lifestyle opportunities. Named the "#1 Small College Town in America" by *College Value Online*, Laramie boasts a low cost of living with no state income tax, incredible outdoor recreational opportunities, an eclectic downtown, and a great public school system.





ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY SCIENCES AND THE WYOMING STATE VETERINARY LABORATORY

MISSION

The departmental Mission is centered on One Health. We conduct research that impacts animal and human disease; provide quality animal disease diagnostic services; and deliver instruction with experiential learning for students, veterinarians, and citizens of Wyoming, Rocky Mountain West and beyond.

RESEARCH

Faculty research in the department is centered on infectious diseases, especially those that are transmissible between wildlife and livestock. Diseases of particular interest to us include Bighorn sheep pneumonia, malignant catarrhal fever, brucellosis, Q-fever, coccidiosis, drug resistance in nematodes, canine dysautonomia, and chronic wasting disease. Research projects involve undergraduate as well as graduate students. We have animal facilities suitable for work with rodents, livestock species, and bison. The University of Wyoming biocontainment facility is based within the department and is registered with the CDC for work on select agents.

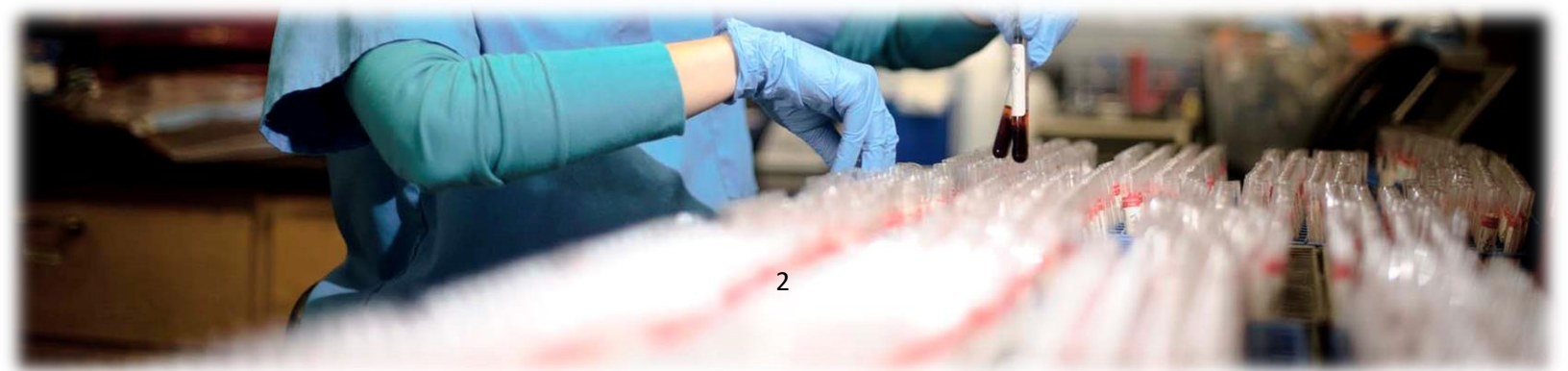
STUDENTS

Departmental faculty teach classes in the Animal and Veterinary Sciences (graduate and undergraduate) and Microbiology (undergraduate) degree programs. There are opportunities to train undergraduate interns and DVM externs in research.

WYOMING STATE VETERINARY LABORATORY (WSVL)

The WSVL serves stakeholders in the state and region by providing animal diagnostic services for livestock, companion animals, and wildlife species. The laboratory is fully accredited by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians. The WSVL also serves the nation by acting as a tier II NAHLN laboratory. There is a close working relationship with other agencies including the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and the Wyoming Department of Public Health. Diagnostic submissions from livestock and wildlife disease cases are available to be used to support research projects.

To learn more: <http://www.uwyo.edu/wyovet/>



THE OPPORTUNITY

Riverbend Ranch Endowed Professor of Wildlife-Livestock Health Assistant/Associate/Full Professor (tenure track)

The Department of Veterinary Sciences at the University of Wyoming (UW) welcomes applications for a 9-month, tenure-track Infectious Disease Specialist at the Assistant, Associate or Full Professor level. The position will be funded in part by the Riverbend Ranch Endowment in Wildlife-Livestock Health to advance scientific knowledge, education, and solutions to diseases transmissible between wildlife and livestock - such as brucellosis, and chronic wasting disease. Candidates with interest in zoonotic diseases including plague, tularemia, Q-fever, rabies, and rickettsia are also encouraged to apply.

The Department provides state-of-the-art facilities and expert faculty to support research and teaching. The University of Wyoming Biocontainment Facility is a tier I BSL3 research facility with small animal housing. Also available on-site is large animal BSL2 housing. Departmental faculty research and diagnostic expertise is centered on infectious diseases of livestock, wildlife, and zoonoses. Preference will be given to candidates who have demonstrated potential for establishing an independent research program that is integrated with student training opportunities, and for contributing to ongoing departmental research, teaching, and service needs.

The successful applicant will establish an extramurally-funded research program focused on infectious disease important to the state of Wyoming and nationally; and provide training to undergraduate, graduate students, and/or post-doctoral researchers. They will contribute to teaching needs within departmental programs by coordinating one 3-credit course, and participating as a guest lecturer in other departmental courses as needed. The selected candidate will have the opportunity to collaborate with a vibrant community of basic and applied scientists, and instructors within the Department and across the University. There are opportunities to mentor veterinary student externs and collaborate with a vibrant community of basic, clinical, and applied scientists within the Department and across the University. Interested applicants with expertise in ruminant immunology, disease pathogenesis, or disease ecology, are also encouraged to apply.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- DVM (or equivalent) and PhD (or an equivalent level of postdoctoral research experience).

OR

- PhD and 3+ years of post-doctoral research experience.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Record of productivity in research into infectious diseases of livestock, wildlife, or zoonoses.
- Teaching experience at the undergraduate and/or graduate level.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work with others in a collegial team atmosphere.

WHY CONSIDER THE OPPORTUNITY

- **Competitive compensation package.** The State of Wyoming recognizes the significance this position plays in the long-term economic health of the state and its residents. Supported by both the University and private foundation funds, this role offers a competitive salary and a benefits package that includes a retirement benefit that features a state contribution of 14.94% of an employee's gross salary.
- **Flexible research opportunities.** As a 9-month position, the successful candidate can pursue additional grant funding to increase their base salary while continuing to pursue an in-depth research agenda.
- **Rich collaborations.** The strong relationships fostered with public agencies and clients across the state allows for close, collaborative research experiences. In this team-based approach research is highly valued as playing an integral role in protecting the livestock and natural wildlife resources across the state of Wyoming.
- **Influencing future students.** Attached to the only 4-year public university in the state, you would play a significant role in training students going into veterinary schools. There are opportunities to work, train and share expertise in fostering individual students toward becoming veterinary professionals.
- **Location.** Laramie is a great place to live and work. Laramie boasts a low cost of living, low property taxes, and no personal state income tax. The area offers incredible outdoor recreational opportunities, an eclectic downtown area, and a great public school system.





PROCEDURE FOR CANDIDACY

The University of Wyoming, in consultation with Summit Search Solutions, Inc., will begin a confidential review of application materials immediately and continue until the position is filled; **parties who apply by February 9, 2024 will be given first consideration.** Please submit a CV/resume and letter of interest upon application. All applications and nominations will be held in confidence.

To apply online, go to: <https://theapplicantmanager.com/jobs?pos=su372>

For more information or to offer recommendations or nominations:

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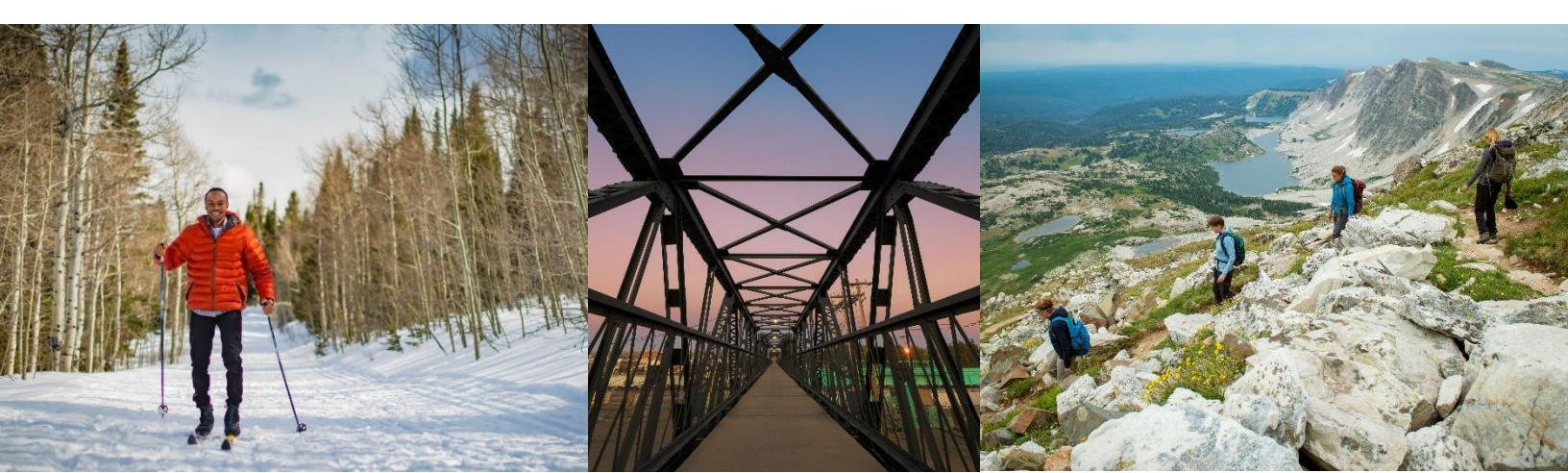
[Summit Search Solutions, Inc.](#) is a boutique executive search firm dedicated to serving the education and nonprofit sectors nationwide. Summit has a team of experienced recruiting consultants in strategic locations across the country including California, Kansas, Maryland, New York, and North Carolina.

Members of under-represented groups are encouraged to apply. The University's policy has been and will continue to be, one of nondiscrimination, offering equal opportunity to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, gender, religion, color, national origin, disability, age, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, creed, ancestry, political belief, pregnancy, or other status protected by state and federal statutes or University regulations. The University's nondiscrimination policy applies to all matters relating to its education programs and activities including recruiting, hiring, training, compensation, benefits, promotions, demotions, transfers, and all other terms and conditions of employment. To review the [EEO is the Law Poster](#) and its [Supplement](#), please see [The Diversity & Fairness page](#).

*Pursuant to Wyoming State law, W.S. 19-14-102, as amended, an honorably discharged veteran who has been a resident of the state of Wyoming for one (1) year or more at any time prior to the date when the veteran applies for employment, or any surviving spouse who was married to such veteran at the time of the veteran's death, who is receiving federal survivor benefits based on the veteran's military service and is applying for employment, shall receive an interview preference during the applicant screening process with the University of Wyoming. At the time of application, the applicant must possess the business capacity, competency, education or other qualifications required for the position. If disabilities do not materially interfere with performance of job duties, disabled veterans will be given preference over able-bodied veterans. **Appropriate documentation of veteran status must be provided at the time of application as outlined in the application process.** No preference will be given to a veteran currently employed by a public department.*

The University of Wyoming conducts background investigations for all final candidates being considered for employment. Offers of employment are contingent upon the completion of the background check.

Applicants with disabilities may request accommodation to complete the application and selection process. Please notify Human Resources at least three (3) working days prior to the date of need.



LARAMIE, WYOMING

Laramie is filled with hospitality, entertainment, and excitement while providing a neighborly atmosphere and warm small-town feel with a multitude of amenities and entertainment. The name “Wyoming” conjures up visions of the Old West as few others can. Laramie features a historic downtown, prairie and mountain vistas, rodeos, guest ranches, and more. Surrounded by the great outdoors, Laramie is also southeastern Wyoming’s center for arts events, with a lively music and theater scene, art exhibitions, festivals, and a variety of other entertainment. And don’t forget all the sports activities at the university and K-12 levels. In September 2023, *Outside* magazine named Laramie, Wyoming “The Most Affordable Mountain Town in the West,” referring to it as “the sweet spot where high adventure meets a low cost of living.”

Interesting Facts:

- Also known as the “Gem City of the Plains,” Laramie is located in the southeastern part of Wyoming approximately 45 miles from the state capital, Cheyenne, and 130 miles from Denver, Colorado.
- Laramie sits at 7,200 feet above sea level in the Laramie River Valley surrounded by the Medicine Bow National Forest, the Laramie Mountains, and the Snowy Range.
- Laramie has a 6% sales tax, but does not have a state income tax or state inheritance tax.
- Laramie offers a variety of outdoor adventures with more than 250 days of sunshine per year.
- The quality of life and amenities Laramie has to offer brings several types of industries to the area including technology companies and academia.



About 20 minutes east of Laramie, the Vedauwoo Recreation Area boasts some of the best rock-climbing in the country. You can photograph abundant wildlife, dramatic mountain scenes, and jumbled rock formations. And with more than a hundred mountain biking trails, the Laramie area provides a paradise for exploration on two wheels. Whether you prefer walking or hiking; camping or day trips; fishing or hunting; mountains, lakes, rivers, or trails – Laramie offers something for everyone. Families will find fun and exploration close to town, while backpackers and sportsmen can spend a week in the high country of the Medicine Bow Mountains. And as a winter snow enthusiast, you can escape the crowds by exploring the hills, forested glens, and rolling meadows of the Snowy Range from the back of a snowmobile or on downhill or cross-country skis. Laramie is one of Wyoming’s favorite playgrounds!

For more information on Laramie please visit:

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- Visit Laramie, <http://visitolaramie.org/>
 - Laramie Chamber Business Alliance, <http://laramie.org/>
 - Laramie Main Street <https://laramiemainstreet.org/>