

**Post-Doctoral Research Associate/Staff Veterinarian
Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study, University of Georgia**

A post-doctoral (i.e., post-DVM) research associate position in wildlife health is available commencing in **May of 2019** at the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study (SCWDS). SCWDS is a state-federal cooperative wildlife health research unit in the Department of Population Health, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia (<https://vet.uga.edu/scwds>). This diverse position includes service, research, and teaching duties with a strong diagnostic pathology and service focus. This position will provide the successful applicant with opportunities for the development of expertise in pathology, microbiology, parasitology, and epidemiology, with the emphasis dependent on career interests and goals.

Specific duties:

Service: Work up to 24 weeks per year in the SCWDS Diagnostic Services Section under the supervision of a board-certified wildlife pathologist. This work entails complete diagnostic evaluation of wildlife samples submitted by SCWDS member agencies, including gross and microscopic examination, selection of ancillary diagnostic tests, sample submission and results interpretation, final report preparation, and communication with the submitting agency. May assist with SCWDS field research and surveillance activities as needed as well as provide support for quarterly and annual reports, newsletters, and other related documents. Good communication skills are essential and there will be frequent contact with personnel from state and federal agencies.

Teaching: This position requires assistance with supervision and training of veterinary students participating in the SCWDS wildlife health externship program. This includes supervision during necropsy, as well as didactic lectures and case presentations. There may also be opportunities to help train and supervise undergraduates, veterinary students, and residents participating in wildlife disease-framed research projects and diagnostic and training activities.

Research/scholarship: This position supports research and surveillance activities for SCWDS member agencies. It is expected that the individual will contribute to wildlife health projects with SCWDS member states that may involve a combination of pathogen-specific surveillance, analysis of diagnostic datasets, and experimental studies. The successful applicant is encouraged and expected to present at scientific meetings and publish manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals.

Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to wildlife conservation and management as well as a strong interest in diagnostic pathology and wildlife health-related research. A Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree or equivalent and eligibility for licensure by the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine are required. An MS or PhD in a related field is a plus, but is not required.

For further information or questions, contact Mark Ruder (706-542-1741; email: mgruder@uga.edu). Interested candidates should email a curriculum vitae, a letter of interest summarizing accomplishments and professional goals, unofficial transcripts (undergraduate, DVM, and graduate programs, if applicable), and the names and contact information for three references directly to Ms. Patricia Flaherty, Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study, College of Veterinary Medicine, The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30602-7387; email: paf@uga.edu. Applications received by February 15, 2019 are assured full consideration but the position will remain open until filled.

The University of Georgia is located in Athens, a vibrant community of 100,000 located in the wooded Piedmont hills of northeast Georgia. Athens and the surrounding area offer a wide variety of lifestyle choices. Athens is located 1½ hours from Atlanta, two hours from the Appalachian Trail, and four hours from the Atlantic coast.

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