

Full-Time Associate Professor Position in Veterinary Parasitology and Animal Parasitic Diseases

Beginning: September 1st, 2021

JOB DESCRIPTION

A full-time associate professor position in “Veterinary Parasitology and Animal Parasitic Diseases” is open within the Department of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases (DMI) of the University of Liège (Belgium).

The “DMI” seeks excellence in its missions i.e., fundamental and applied research (including international networking and awards), general activities (including the fight against infectious and parasitic diseases), teaching and lecturing (bachelor, master and PhD degrees).

The profile of the candidates (M/F) must be compatible with these different missions, including a strong background in research given that the professors of the DMI operate as “researchers-lecturers”. To encourage the synergy with the other departments of the Veterinary Faculty, particularly with the clinical departments, the appointed candidate will base his/her laboratory within the Faculty grounds. Conversely, he/she will freely choose to join one of the Research Units within the University of Liège.

LECTURES.

The lectures are for bachelor, master and postgraduate students, with teaching activities outlined below. The precise program structures are currently being re-organized, Therefore, the following information may be subject to change:

- Infectious and Parasitic Diseases of Domestic Animals, including the zoonoses, in collaboration with other professors (4th year Master students):
 - Parasitic Diseases of Farm Animals and Wild Animals (18h lectures),
 - Parasitic Diseases of Companion Animals (12h lectures)
 - Parasitic Diseases of Equids (6h lectures)
- Analysis of Clinical Cases in Infectiology and Parasitology: part-time Parasitology (5th year Master students, 4h seminars and practicals)
- Different Specific Lectures and Seminars on Veterinary and Medical Parasitology for Post-graduate Students

RESEARCH.

The candidates must prove their excellence in research based on high-level publications, scientific awards, traineeship/internship abroad, ability to obtaining funding of research projects, team building and leadership and supervision of PhD students.

Moreover, the accepted candidate will develop research projects in one or more of the following topics:

- Pathogenesis of parasitic infestations
- Roles of the parasites in the concept of “host-pathogen(s)-environment”
- Mechanisms of immune-evasion expressed by parasites
- Modulations of the immune response raised against self and non-self antigens by parasites
- Diagnosis and treatment of parasitic infestations

GENERAL ACTIVITIES.

The accepted candidate will actively participate in the following activities for the Veterinary and Medical practitioners and for the general public: continuous education for practitioners; participation in regional and national expert commissions in animal parasitology; promotion of medical parasitology within the ONE HEALTH perspective, veterinary medicine, science in general; and University of Liège. He/She will also actively contribute towards the general continuous development and activities of the Department (DMI), of the Veterinary Faculty and of the University of Liège.

QUALIFICATIONS PROFILE.

- Being a Doctor in Veterinary Medicine (DVM) or equivalent diploma.
- Having a PhD thesis.
- Being a member of a European College related to Parasitology is a plus, but is not compulsory.
- Being fluent in French and English. In case the accepted candidate is not fluent in French yet, he/she must become during the first years of the job.
- Being not only a team-leader, but also able to work and socially communicate within a team.
- Being able to develop research projects in medical/veterinary parasitology at short and long term, including in collaboration with the clinical departments of the Faculty.
- Being able to propose a teaching/lecturing project in veterinary parasitology and parasitic diseases of animals, including in interaction with the clinical departments of the Faculty.
- Being able to conduct networking in Veterinary parasitology at the national, European and international levels.
- Adhering to the strategy and policy of the DMI.

SELECTION PROCEDURE.

The selection procedure follows the rules and regulations of the University of Liège.

CANDIDATURES.

The candidates must send their application file by email to : postesacademiques@uliege.be, with cc to Michele.deprez@uliege.be before March 15, 2021.

REQUESTED DOCUMENTS.

- Motivation letter along with full CV.
- Report on the previous and current research activities, along with the description of a new research project, describing how this new research project fits in with the policy of the DMI and of the University, and how this new research project promotes collaboration with the clinical departments of the Veterinary Faculty.
- Report on the previous and current teaching/lecturing activities, along the description of a teaching/lecturing project, emphasizing the interaction with the clinical departments of the Veterinary Faculty.
- One electronic copy of all publications.
- A summary of the bibliometric indices, including total number of publications, number of publications as first and last author, h-index, citation index of the most cited 10 publications, list of the most important 10 publications (with a brief description of why they are considered as the most important).

HIRING CONDITIONS.

The successful candidate will be hired on a definitive (tenure) contract or on a 4 year-long tenure-track contract. In the latter case, the candidate will be assessed after 3 years. If the result is not positive, the contract will be terminated at beginning of the term of the 4th year. If the result is positive, the candidate will receive his/her tenure contract.

The University of Liège is an equal opportunity employer regarding of age, sexual orientation, beliefs, origin, disability and nationality.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Any additional information can be obtained by contacting the President of the DMI, Prof. Alain Vanderplasschen – Phone: +32 486 451353 – E-mail: a.vdplasschen@uliege.be

Inquiries on the position are very welcome.

SALARY.

Salary level and other information can be obtained by contacting the “Ressources humaines” (“Human Resources”) department of the University administration: Mrs Ludivine Depas – Phone: +32 4 366 5204 – E-mail: ludivine.depas@uliege.be