



Head of Microbiology – Irish Equine Centre

The Irish Equine Centre (IEC) wishes to recruit a senior scientist or experienced veterinary surgeon to lead its Microbiology Unit at its laboratories in Johnstown, Naas, Co Kildare. The IEC is an award winning accredited laboratory which enjoys a worldwide reputation as a leader in veterinary laboratory diagnostics and related services.

It is a designated Reference Laboratory for the World Animal Health Organisation, the “OIE”, and its staff have contributed to the acquisition of this reputation by scientific publications, developments in new diagnostic techniques and in presenting their work to many international fora.

Reporting to the Chief Executive, the successful candidate will manage the Microbiology Unit which is the largest scientific unit of the IEC and is primarily focussed on equine disease diagnostics, equine forensic testing and research. The Microbiology Unit conducts relevant equine research in conjunction with relevant academic and government bodies. Other activities of the Microbiology Unit include disease diagnostics for food producing animals and quality testing of food and animal feed.

The role offers the opportunity to occupy an influential position within the equine industry and the chance to showcase excellent scientific and commercial judgement. The ideal candidate will be a senior scientist or veterinary surgeon with an equine background and a track record of publishing scientific papers. The candidate should also have sound business acumen and must bring a commercial approach to managing the Microbiology Unit.

The successful candidate will be expected to identify new business opportunities that capitalise on the IEC’s scientific reputation and expertise. The salary and benefits package is commensurate with relevant experience.

Essential Criteria:

- Third level scientific degree or qualified veterinary surgeon.
- Proven track record in equine health diagnostics and research.
- Good working knowledge of veterinary / diagnostic laboratories.
- A thorough knowledge of the equine and agricultural sectors.
- Commercially astute, a problem solver and results driven.
- Excellent staff management and development skills.
- Very good interpersonal skills including strong communication ability.
- A knowledge of funded scientific research programmes would be an advantage.
- Applicants must be eligible to live and work in Ireland and hold a full driving licence.

All applications should be sent in the strictest confidence to:

Sarah McNicholas

Chief Executive

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The deadline for applications is close of business on Friday 12th January 2018.

The Irish Equine Centre is an equal opportunities employer.