

## Position: Programme Manager (Beef HealthCheck)

### The Organisation

Animal Health Ireland (AHI) is a not-for-profit, public-private partnership, tasked with controlling livestock diseases not subject to international regulation, with the objective of improving the profitability and sustainability of Irish farmers and the agri-food sector. The advice provided by AHI is developed by a number of Technical Working Groups (TWGs) and the delivery of its major programmes is directed through annual business plans and a multi-annual strategic plan.

### The Programme

The Beef HealthCheck (BHC) programme has developed tools to assist farmers and their veterinary practitioners to control losses due to liver fluke and pneumonia through capture, analysis and reporting of abattoir data from post mortem meat inspection. Results from each batch of cattle are returned to herd owners directly as batch level reports and to a programme database where herd-level information is presented. The programme is also contributing to the development of economic breeding indices that incorporate health and disease data.

### The post

The role of Beef HealthCheck Programme Manager is a senior position within the organisation, reporting directly to the CEO.

### Role description

- Responsibility for all operational aspects of the BHC programme and contributing to its strategic development.
- Analysis of programme data to enhance knowledge of the epidemiology, costs and benefits of controlling liver fluke and pneumonia in different production systems.
- To work closely with the parasitology TWG to develop detailed, factual and foundational resources for farmers and veterinary practitioners.
- Identification of significant knowledge gaps and the formulation of proposals as to how to address these.
- Contribute to the development and delivery of the AHI communication plan, including development of knowledge transfer and peer-reviewed journal articles and addressing and making presentations at events such as road shows, farmer and veterinary clinical society meetings, stakeholder events and conferences.
- Development of IT and database resources to support and enhance the programme.
- Contribute to setting and management of the BHC annual budget.
- Championing the Beef HealthCheck programme to livestock farmers and to the relevant service providers, particularly the veterinary profession.
- Contributing to the AHI response to Ireland's National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance.
- Contributing as required to the suite of AHI programmes and work areas.

## Educational Requirements

Candidates must hold a degree in veterinary medicine.

## Desirable qualifications, experience and competencies

- A Masters or Doctoral level qualification in a relevant area.
- Experience in epidemiology or animal health economics.
- Experience of delivering a large-scale animal health programme.
- An understanding of the interaction between various interest groups and stakeholders in the Irish agri-food sector and a demonstrable ability to work effectively with a wide range of stakeholder groups.
- A strong ability to communicate clearly and appropriately with a wide range of stakeholders, including farmers, veterinary practitioners, scientists and policy makers.
- A demonstrable ability to effectively plan, structure and prioritise work, to meet deadlines and manage time effectively.
- A demonstrable ability to advocate effectively on behalf of the employing organisation and to promote the achievement of its objectives with external parties.
- A demonstrable ability to work co-operatively and effectively as part of a team.
- A demonstrable record of originating action aimed at resolving problems.

## Other requirements

- The post will involve regular travel to meeting and events, and therefore the successful candidate will require a full driving licence, valid in the Republic of Ireland, and access to a car.

## Selection Process

Candidates are required to submit a cover letter providing evidence of how they satisfy the educational requirements and desirable qualifications, experience and competencies described above, including two referees, and curriculum vitae to Animal Health Ireland, 4-5 The Archways, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim by Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> September. In addition to an assessment of the applications, the short-listing process may comprise a psychometric test.

## Job Location

Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim.

## Contract Duration

The contract will be for an initial duration of 2 years, with the potential for renewal. This is a full-time contract.

## Salary

€56,000- €67,200, dependent on qualifications, experience and demonstrable competencies.

## Further information

Requests for further information in relation to this post, or to discuss further (in confidence) should be directed to: [nmorgan@animalhealthireland.ie](mailto:nmorgan@animalhealthireland.ie).

REFERENCE: AHI/BHC/PM

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER

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