

**Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases**

Clinical Veterinarian

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Division of Intramural Research, seeks an outstanding individual to serve as a clinical veterinarian in the Comparative Medicine Branch (CMB). CMB provides support to NIAID's clinical and laboratory animal care and research programs, which in turn support investigations of the mechanisms, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of allergic, immunologic, and infectious diseases.

The clinical veterinarian will supply expert advice to the CMB chief and provide collaboration and guidance for the research and development activities of NIAID researchers using nonhuman primates. Major responsibilities include providing research-driven clinical and surgical care, directing technical staff, and developing innovative procedures for sample collection and protocol design and review. The candidate must participate on a rotational basis in weekend and emergency coverage, provide veterinary support to species other than primates, and enroll in an occupational health surveillance to cover the agents under study. The candidate is expected to collaborate with research staff and assist in experimental design, development of animal models, and publication of research results.

Qualifications

This position requires extensive expertise in Old World and New World nonhuman primate laboratory animal medicine and surgery and a working knowledge of regulatory requirements for the care and use of animals in research. In addition, experience with nonhuman primate research models of infectious disease, biocontainment housing of nonhuman primates (ABSL-2 and ABSL-2 with -3 practices), and USDA-regulated agricultural agent use policies is required. Experience in ACUC, AAALAC, and USDA inspections is beneficial.

A D.V.M or V.M.D., obtained at a school or college of veterinary medicine accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education (AVMA), is required. Candidates must have successfully completed the National Veterinary Board certification, be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in at least one state, and have at least five years of progressively responsible laboratory animal veterinary experience. Graduates of veterinary schools not AVMA-accredited must have Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates certification.

Application process

The successful candidate will be appointed as a staff scientist under the federal government's Title 42 appointing authority at a salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

A full package of benefits is available, including retirement; health, life, and long-term care insurance; leave; and Thrift Savings Plan (401(k) equivalent).

Interested candidates should submit a current curriculum vitae, bibliography, and the names and addresses of three professional references. Applications should be sent to

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The deadline for receipt of applications is **July 3, 2009**. Direct any inquiries to Dr. Elkins at relkins@niaid.nih.gov.

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