Join us on the edge of discovery as the Assistant Director and Attending Veterinarian for the National Institutes of Health Animal Center (NIHAC) within the Animal Research Support Branch (ARSB), Division of Veterinary Resources (DVR). The National Institutes of Health (NIH), the world’s largest biomedical research facility, has an exciting position available that requires leadership and expertise in laboratory animal medicine. The ARSB operates in compliance with the Animal Welfare Act and the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. In addition it: (1) provides medical care to research animals and technical support to Investigators utilizing animals; (2) consults and collaborates with the Intramural research program and their veterinary staff on the veterinary aspects of protocol and study design; (3) plans, manages and coordinates DVR facility operations and resources; (4) provides oversight of animal imports into NIH facilities while maintaining biosecurity of existing colonies; (5) provides a pharmacist and pharmacy and a nutritionist for the intramural research program, and (6) manages and maintains a centralized surgical, intensive care and radiology service to support the NIH Intramural research program.

The successful candidate will serve as the Assistant Director and Attending Veterinarian, responsible for overseeing the ARSB veterinary staff at NIHAC (Poolesville campus), and for planning, managing, and coordinating veterinary and facility resources and clinical/technical programs to ensure high-quality veterinary care, research support, regulatory compliance, and continued AAALAC accreditation. The Poolesville campus sits on 513 acres in a rural setting and contains 4 buildings that primarily house non-human primates (NHPs), similar to a small National Primate Research Center. The Assistant Director must possess leadership skills to have oversight of and to guide a skilled team of laboratory animal veterinarians and animal facility managers to effectively support the NIH intramural research mission. The Assistant Director works with and reports to the DVR Director to ensure the success of the mission of DVR: “...to contribute to the advancement of NIH biomedical research programs by providing excellence in animal care, customer service, and specialized research services to support intramural research efforts.” DVR’s diverse and dedicated staff emphasizes accountability to the NIH researchers’ needs in areas including humane animal and veterinary care, animal behavior and enrichment, diagnostics and health surveillance, surgery, pharmacy, procurement, nutrition, and animal transportation.”

Qualifications for the position include a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) or equivalent degree, i.e., Veterinary Medical Doctor (VMD), obtained at a school or college of veterinary medicine accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Council on Education, and licensed to practice veterinary medicine in at least 1 state. Graduates of veterinary schools not AVMA accredited must have Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates certification from the AVMA. The successful candidate will have supervisory experience, strong leadership skills, and clinical proficiency. Experience in NHP vivarium renovation preferred as plans for expanding NIHAC are in the early planning stages. American College of Laboratory Animal
Medicine (ACLAM) board certification is required. Candidates must also have experience as a supervisor/leader of at least one component of a Program of Animal Care and Use (e.g., Experience in overseeing NHP animal facilities and/or possession of a certification such as Certified Manager of Animal Resources (CMAR) is favored. Applications from women, persons from underrepresented groups, and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged. At the NIH, we celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees in the biomedical research community. Within NIH, the Division of Veterinary Resources (DVR) embraces diversity and strives to create and maintain an inclusive environment for all DVR employees. Candidates may be US citizens or resident aliens and the position is subject to a background check conducted by the NIH.

Salary is dependent on qualifications and experience. A full package of Civil Service benefits is available including retirement, health and life insurance, long-term care insurance, leave, and savings plan (401(k) equivalent). Appointments for this position are made as Staff Scientist under Title 42 and are open to all sources. The duty stations for this position are Bethesda and Poolesville, Maryland. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Interested candidates should submit a current Curriculum Vitae (CV), bibliography, and the names and addresses of three references. Current CV, Bibliography and References may be emailed to Dr. Jill Ascher, DVR Director, at oddrvdir@mail.nih.gov.

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