DESCRIPTION AND POSITION OF THE CHAIR
The Chair of Healthy Dairy Farming is a full-time position at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (FVM) of Utrecht University. The Chair holder is responsible for education and research in the field of Integral Ruminant Health. The Chair is situated within the Department of Farm Animal Health (FAH), one of the eight departments of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. The Department has three full-time professors and seven part-time professors. Some of these professors are affiliated with GD Animal Health, Deventer, as part of a broader agreement between Utrecht University and GD Animal Health, and have part-time positions at Utrecht University. Currently, the group of ruminant health has 7.2 FTE permanent academic staff, 1.3 FTE temporary academic staff, and 1 FTE support staff. Of the academic staff, effectively approximately 2 FTE are focused on research. Most academic and support staff is involved in teaching within the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

The new chair is expected to make strong connections with the other groups in the department and with other departments in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and has considerable input in the “One Health” research programme of the Veterinary faculty.

PRIMARY TASKS OF THE CHAIR
Education
• To formally act as a coordinator, mentor, and tutor of the field ‘Integral Ruminant’ in the bachelor/master Veterinary Medicine.
• To review Ruminant Health in the veterinary curriculum and initiate changes that help veterinarians to better accommodate future needs in this field of stakeholders and society in general.
• Teaching of bachelor and master students in Ruminant Health within the Veterinary Medicine program.
• Postgraduate training and teaching in ‘Ruminant health’ for veterinarians. The chair will also organize and supervise postgraduate training, in close collaboration with Wageningen University, GD (Gezondheidsdienst voor Dieren) Animal Health, etc.
• The chair will provide training of veterinarians aspiring to become Specialist in Bovine Health Management, the latter meeting the requirements of the European College of Bovine Health Management (ECVPH).

Research
The chair is expected to build up a research group fitting the One Health and Advances in Veterinary Research programmes of the faculty of Veterinary Medicine and:
• developing and leading the fundamental and applied
The chair holder will be expected to:
- Hold a DVM and PhD degree and preferably be a diplomat of European College of Bovine Health Management (ECBH) or equivalent;
- Have an excellent background and track record in ruminant health management;
- Have a track record with regard to research funding earning capacity, in particular a proven capability to set up and (externally) finance collaborative research programs;
- Be recognized by the dairy sector, both nationally and internationally.
- Be able to work outside existing paradigms and dogmas.
- Have a modern vision on education in ruminant health;
- Have a keen eye for new developments in dairy farming, and politically and societally sensitive, anticipating future changes and acting accordingly;
- Be open to the context of sustainable production, circularity and ecosystem-thinking and its relevance for the ruminant sector;
- Have excellent and proven leadership qualities, with the potential to play a future role in the management of FAH.

OFFER
We offer a full-time permanent position. The gross salary varies, depending on previous qualifications and experience, between € 5,334,- and € 7,766,- gross per month (full-time appointment in scale H2 of the Collective Labour Agreement of the Dutch Universities). Salaries are supplemented with a holiday bonus of 8 % and a year-end bonus of 8.3 % per year. In addition, there are outstanding secondary benefits such as a minimum of 29 days holidays per year, study facilities and a pension plan.

INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND GUESTS
Information for international staff and guests can be found at our website: International Staff and Guests.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION
The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (FVM) has a unique position in the Netherlands. Not only is this the only institution where veterinarians are trained, researchers are also working together on innovative scientific research. In addition, the faculty provides specialist clinical care in the largest academic veterinary hospital in Europe. The faculty employs approximately 900 veterinarians, scientists and support staff and counts over 1,500 students. Further information about the UU-FVM and the Utrecht University is available via the website www.uu.nl.

APPLY
Please send your application accompanied by a letter of motivation, curriculum vitae and the names and contact inform of at least two persons who are able to provide professional reference. Click here to apply.

Application deadline
18 March 2018