The University of Florida (UF) College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) is seeking nominations and applications for the position of Chair in the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences (LACS). The Chair serves as the chief administrative officer of the department and, as such, is expected to provide strong leadership across all facets of the department missions as well as participate selectively in clinical service, research and/or teaching activities that are most closely aligned with the individual’s training and interests. In general, the primary responsibilities for this leadership position include (1) recruitment, mentoring, development, evaluation and promotion of LACS faculty members; (2) coordination and oversight of major departmental responsibilities, including veterinary student instruction, research and scholarly activities, graduate student education and extension/outreach activities; (3) working collaboratively with the Associate Dean for Clinical Services and Chief Medical Officer for the UF Veterinary Hospitals to ensure delivery of high-quality clinical service, veterinary student teaching and house officer training in the UF Veterinary Hospitals by LACS faculty; and (4) overall supervision of department staff, resources and budget. Finally, as a member of the CVM executive leadership team, the Chair serves as the primary departmental liaison with the CVM development team, other UF colleges and academic units within the UF Academic Health Science Center and the UF Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences as well as the State of Florida.

The new LACS Chair will join and lead a dynamic department with more than two dozen faculty members who have specialty board certifications and diverse research interests that encompass Large Animal Medicine, Large Animal Surgery, Food Animal Reproduction and Medicine, Theriogenology, Extension (equine, bovine, poultry and fish) and Aquatic Animal Health as well as other related areas. Department faculty members provide high-quality graduate student training in areas of their individual research expertise with opportunities for collaboration in a vibrant interdisciplinary environment that promotes and supports excellence in research, education and clinical service. The combined UF Veterinary Hospitals support a vibrant clinical enterprise with a diverse and robust caseload of more than 30,000 patient visits per year that support veterinary student, intern and resident training in nearly all major specialties. The CVM is part of the UF Academic Health Science Center that includes colleges of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Public Health & Health Professions. It is the only academic health science center in the southeast, and one of only three nationally, where all six colleges of health are located on the same campus. The CVM is aligned strategically with the UF Academic Health Science Center and the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and has strong ties with the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. UF is ranked consistently among the nation’s top universities and is among the top ten public universities ranked by US News & World Report. The campus is located in Gainesville, a vibrant and growing community that has numerous cultural amenities in a setting with great natural beauty (see http://www.visitgainesville.com/artsulture-history/).

The successful candidate should have a DVM or equivalent degree and be qualified for appointment at the rank of Associate or Full Professor. A strong record of research, university instruction, academic clinical service in addition to substantial leadership and organizational skills with a demonstrated commitment to equality of opportunity are required. Women and minority candidates are especially encouraged to apply.

In order to be considered for this position, interested parties must apply online through Careers at UF at http://explore.jobs.ufl.edu/xxxx. Applications should include the applicant’s curriculum vita, the names and contact information for four individuals who can provide letters of reference and the applicant’s vision statement for this leadership position. Inquiries or
nominations may be sent via email to Dr. Dan Lewis, Search Committee Chair (lewisda@ufl.edu), however, in order to be considered for this leadership position, applications must be submitted online by March 15, 2018.

Upon hire, the final candidate will be required to provide an official transcript to the hiring department and a transcript will not be considered "official" if a designation of "Issued to Student" is visible. Degrees earned from an education institution outside of the United States are required to be evaluated by a professional credentialing service provider approved by National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES), which can be found at http://www.naces.org/.

The University of Florida is an equal opportunity institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. If an accommodation due to a disability is needed to apply for this position, please call 352/392-2477 or the Florida Relay System at 800/955-8771 (TDD). Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the US. Searches are conducted in accordance with Florida's Sunshine Law.