

Ph.D. student position available in Maternal Beef Cattle Behaviour and Welfare

Research Area: The research area is within animal behaviour, health, and welfare. The successful candidate will conduct research on mismothering and cow-calf bonding. The successful applicant will be involved in developing their project during the first 6 months of their appointment. The student will also be expected to participate and contribute to a variety of other animal welfare projects

Program and Place of Work: Funding is available for a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program through the University of Calgary, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (<u>http://vet.ucalgary.ca/graduate/</u>) at the University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The research will occur at WA Ranches at the University of Calgary or on co-operating ranches in Alberta.

Qualifications: Candidates should hold a Master's degree in animal welfare, animal science, or biological sciences The successful candidate will have demonstrated strong research capabilities through their previous graduate program, as well as strong academic performance and verbal and written communication skills throughout their postgraduate studies. Applicants whose primary language is not English are required to provide proof of proficiency in English. Experience in animal behaviour and welfare is desirable. Candidates need to be well organized and hold a valid driver's license.

Salary: Candidates must be academically competitive and will be expected to apply for external funding. Stipend is \$30,000/yr. For outstanding PhD students, internal top-up award opportunities are available on a competitive basis.

Start Date: The position is currently available, with funding for 4 years

Application Interest: Interested candidates should send by email (<u>eapajor@ucalgary.ca</u>) a current curriculum vitae, a scanned copy of transcript or listing of course grades, names and contact information for two references, and a cover letter describing your interest in the project.

For further information about the above Ph.D. research opportunity please contact: Dr. Ed Pajor, Director, W.A. Ranches at the University of Calgary Anderson-Chisholm Chair in Animal Care and Welfare Professor of Animal Behaviour and Welfare University of Calgary, Peak Scholar Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Calgary 3330 Hospital Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada Phone: 403-210-7328 Email: eapajor@ucalgary.ca