

## **Position Announcement**

### **Graduate Student Teaching Assistant – Livestock Evaluation and Judging Department of Animal Science Michigan State University**

A graduate student teaching position ( $\frac{3}{4}$ -time assistantship) is available in the Department of Animal Science at Michigan State University for a student (MS or PhD) to teach livestock evaluation courses and coach the livestock judging team while pursuing their advanced degree. Experience in livestock judging is required, and experience coaching or assisting with coaching a livestock team (at the 4-H, FFA, junior college and/or senior collegiate level) is strongly desired. The successful candidate will be supported by mentoring from experienced coaches of the department's successful dairy and horse judging teams. The position is also supported by a strong alumni and industry stakeholder community. Outstanding university farm facilities are located adjacent to campus and cooperating farms are located nearby providing resources for team practice/workouts. The candidate will choose an academic program for graduate study in their area of interest (e.g., nutrition, genetics, reproductive biology, education, etc.) with an advisor from the Animal Science department faculty. Information about the department is available at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/ans/>. This position provides an excellent opportunity for a graduate student seeking to lead and grow a livestock judging program with strong departmental and state-wide support while pursuing their advanced degree. The department offers a competitive assistantship stipend plus benefits including tuition and health care. The position is available for 3 years, renewable until degree completion pending successful progress toward the degree. Start date is expected to be July 1, 2024. For questions or to indicate interest in the position, please contact Dr. Joe Domecq ([domecqjo@msu.edu](mailto:domecqjo@msu.edu)) or Dr. Karen Waite ([kwaite@msu.edu](mailto:kwaite@msu.edu)).