

Graduate Assistantship and Assistant Meat Lab Manager Position Announcement

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Position Overview

The Department of Animal Sciences at The Ohio State University is seeking a highly motivated and qualified individual to join our Meat Science Lab. The position will serve as a graduate teaching assistant and assistant meat lab manager for our USDA-inspected (FSIS) meat science lab facility. The position is a fully supported graduate assistantship (a stipend and tuition remission are provided).

Position Location

Columbus, Ohio

Position Description

Our aim is to recruit and support a master's-level graduate student (MS or MAS; see Animal Science Graduate School Handbooks: [Graduate Student Resources | ANSCI](#)) to serve as our assistant meat lab manager. This role provides a unique opportunity for a motivated individual to engage in teaching, research, and hands-on management within a dynamic meat science program.

The successful candidate will contribute to the daily operations of the Meat Science Lab while supporting undergraduate teaching and conducting applied research in meat science and muscle biology. This position is well-suited for individuals seeking to advance their academic and professional development in meat science through both graduate training and practical experience.

Key Responsibilities:

- Assist with the coordination and operation of Meat Science Lab activities, including harvest, fabrication, and processing.
- Provide guidance and oversight for undergraduate student employees of the Meat Science Lab.
- Support teaching efforts in undergraduate courses, including laboratory instruction and student mentoring.
- Contribute to ongoing research projects in meat science and muscle biology, including data collection, sample processing, and organization.
- Maintain laboratory organization, sanitation, food safety compliance, and inventory management.
- Engage with students, faculty, staff, and industry stakeholders to support educational and outreach initiatives.
- Perform additional duties as assigned to support departmental teaching, research, and Extension



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Education and Experience Requirements

Required:

- Bachelor's degree in animal sciences, food science, biology, or a related discipline.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to work closely with diverse groups of academic (e.g., students, staff, faculty) and industry audiences.
- Demonstrated interest in and/or experience with meat science and muscle biology.
- Willingness to work, learn, and multi-task in a fast-paced environment.
- Ability to assist with various teaching and research activities in the area of meat science and muscle biology.

Desired:

- Experience with meat facility operations (e.g., harvest, fabrication, meat processing).
- Experience with HACCP procedures and documentation.
- Experience or experiential learning in the meat industry.
- Evidence of previous teaching and research activities in an academic setting.

Application Process

To be considered, please submit your application to Dr. Benjamin Bohrer at bohrer.13@osu.edu

Application materials must include:

- Brief statement describing research interests, teaching experience, and career goals.
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Contact Information (name, email, and phone number) of two references. References will be contacted and asked to provide letters of recommendation.

Applications will be immediately reviewed until the position is filled. Contact Dr. Benjamin Bohrer at: bohrer.13@osu.edu.

The selected candidate will be guided through the graduate school application process; acceptance and admission by the graduate school is required before enrolling in the MS program.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, ancestry, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

