



Diagnostic Pathologist

Thompson Bishop Sparks State Diagnostic Laboratory | Auburn, Alabama

The Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries is seeking applications for a diagnostic veterinary anatomic pathologist at Thompson Bishop Sparks State Diagnostic Laboratory in Auburn, Alabama.

Thompson Bishop Sparks State Diagnostic Laboratory is the central reference laboratory of the state animal diagnostic laboratory system that includes 2 ACVP board certified pathologists, 5 veterinary diagnosticians with multiple specialties, two trainees (mammal and avian) and branch laboratories in Boaz, Elba, and Hanceville. The Thompson Bishop Sparks State Diagnostic Laboratory is AAVLD accredited and is a NALHN level 1 laboratory. All laboratories within the Alabama State Diagnostic Laboratory System provide animal disease diagnostic and regulatory testing for submitting veterinarians and private owners with robust availability of ancillary diagnostics. The laboratory is located on the campus of Auburn University, with close partnership with the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine Department of Pathobiology, which includes 6 ACVP board certified pathologists, strong connections to the Davis-Thompson foundation, and a thriving residency program. Auburn is a fast-growing college town with an excellent public school system, diverse restaurants, and numerous recreational opportunities for individuals and families alike. Auburn has easy access to several larger cities including Atlanta and Birmingham and is approximately 1.5 hours away from the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, with direct flights all over the US. Chewacla State Park is located in the city limits and Lake Martin, a large recreation lake, with abundant water activities and hiking trails is less than an hour drive. Within a day's drive are numerous beautiful gulf coast beaches, clear Florida springs, small mountain towns, and quintessential southern cities including New Orleans, Savannah, and Charleston.

Job Responsibilities

The focus of this position is contributing to the biopsy service, histopathology evaluations for branch/satellite laboratory cases, and performing necropsy and histopathology examinations for the necropsy service. The non-avian caseload will primarily include mammalian submissions and zoo and exotic cases with a focus on agriculture in the state and close connections with veterinarians, law enforcement, and humane societies in the surrounding area. There is an opportunity to participate in the avian diagnostic service. The pathologist is responsible for conducting necropsy and histopathology evaluations, communicating with clients orally and in writing, interpreting test results, contributing to the weekend and holiday necropsy service by rotating with other pathologists, staff training and supervision, and participation in the laboratory Quality Management system. Mentorship is available for early career pathologists as well as opportunities for continuing education.

Requirements

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from an AVMA recognized school or college of veterinary medicine, and U.S. citizenship status. Board certification by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) is preferred, or board eligibility for phase II of the ACVP examination.

Student Loan Option

This job classification qualifies for the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program. [AL234 | National Institute of Food and Agriculture \(usda.gov\) as well as for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness.](#)

Salary

Starting salary will be commensurate with professional credentials, experience, and an approved level of entry for classification within the State Personnel system. Benefits include low-cost single coverage for health/vision/dental insurance with optional family health coverage, thirteen paid holidays per year, thirteen annual leave and sick days each per year with increases every 5 years, flexible employee benefit plans, and retirement plans with the Retirement Systems of Alabama including a defined benefit plan, and optional deferred compensation plans.

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