

Veterinary Researcher



Start Date: June, 2016

Duration: 2 Years

Location: Plusvital LTD, NovaUCD, Belfield, Dublin 4

Background: Veterinary Medicine

Job Description

A veterinary graduate, registrable in Ireland, is required to join Plusvital (including Equinome), an Irish equine science company providing nutritional products and genetic tests for the international equine market. The company is committed to the development of science-based products and evidence-based utilisation of their products.

The current R&D programme employs the latest genomic technologies to investigate genetic contributions to traits of economic value in the Thoroughbred and other horse populations. The emerging field of nutrigenomics, combining genetics and nutrition, is a key area of interest. The development and contextualisation of novel diagnostic tools for poor performance and veterinary related health traits is also an area that is being investigated.

The R&D team have access to a large cohort of Thoroughbred horses in training in Ireland for research in a variety of areas and collaborations exist with some major international breeding organisations.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

Organisation and collection of research data for exercise and nutritional equine studies, routine supervision and care of research horses including maintenance of veterinary and research records. Travel will be required.

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria below outline the qualifications, skills, knowledge and/or experience that the successful candidate would need to demonstrate for successful discharge of the responsibilities of the post. Applications will be assessed on the basis of how well candidates satisfy these criteria.

Mandatory Requirements

Veterinary degree which can be registered with the Veterinary Council of Ireland (www.vci.ie)

EU citizen or non-EU citizen eligible for a work permit in Ireland

Motivated with a strong focus on research

Familiarity with horses and horse industry

High level of spoken and written English

Excellent organisation, communication and inter-personal skills

Ability to work effectively as a team member

Desirable

Research experience i.e. participation in a research project either independently or as part of a research group

Knowledge of the Thoroughbred industry

Experience in an equine practice

Good computer skills

Full clean drivers' licence

For more information contact Dr Emmeline Hill (Chief Science Officer Plusvital): Emmeline.Hill@plusvital.com

To apply for the position please send a curriculum vitae (incl. names of two referees) and a letter of interest before 20 May, 2016 to Mr Mike Shelly (CEO Plusvital): mike.shelly@plusvital.com