

**Contract Research Officer – Veterinary Herd Health Scientist
(Ref: VHHS/MPK/0118)**

Post Duration	24 months (subject to contract).	
Location:	Teagasc Animal & Grassland Research and Innovation Centre, Moorepark, Fermoy, Co. Cork.	
Grade/Salary:	Research Officer, with a starting salary of €33,056 per annum. The current salary scale is €33,056 to €64,337.	
Basic Function:	<p>To develop, lead and implement an integrated dairy and beef herd health programme on non-regulated diseases with particular emphasis on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benchmarking the occurrence of infectious diseases in Irish dairy and beef herds. • Role of biosecurity, vaccination and diagnostics. • Development of on farm herd health protocols. • Economics of non-regulated infectious diseases. 	
PERSON SPECIFICATION		
	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honours level 8 degree in veterinary science/animal science or other related discipline. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-graduate experience in dairy and beef herd health research.
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research skills: data management, analysis and experimentation. • Writing skills: scientific (peer-reviewed journals) and technical. • Excellent laboratory skills, organization skills, and data analysis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research skills: general laboratory skills. • Writing skills: popular. • Proven record of scientific communications. • Aptitude for multidisciplinary approaches.
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-relegated infectious diseases in Irish cattle herds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of integrated cattle herd health management programmes.
Behavioural Competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambition, willingness to initiate new projects and research areas. • Excellent interpersonal skills, proficiency in communicating with wide range of stakeholders, i.e. farmers, national and international scientists, policy makers. • Ability to work independently, and meet self-imposed milestones and deliverables. • Ability to communicate effectively to enable knowledge and technology transfer. • Ability to work as part of a team, including consulting, collaborating and building relationships with key stakeholders. • Ability to contribute actively and positively to collaboration and integration within the research team. • Strives for high quality of work and demonstrates commitment to the programme. 	
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For operational reasons, current serving permanent staff members of Teagasc cannot normally be considered for funded contract posts advertised through open public competition. 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must satisfy and continue to satisfy during employment with Teagasc, legal requirements to drive unaccompanied on Irish public roads. 	

How to Apply

A detailed job description and application form for this position can be accessed on the Teagasc Website at www.teagasc.ie/careers

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Contract Research Officer – Dairy Cow Mastitis Scientist Ref: DCMS/MP/0118		
Post Duration	Four years (subject to contract)	
Location:	Teagasc Animal & Grassland Research and Innovation Centre, Moorepark, Fermoy, Co. Cork.	
Grade/Salary:	Research Officer, with a starting salary of €33,056 per annum. The current salary scale is €33,056 to €64,337.	
Basic Function:	To develop, lead and implement a research programme in the area of dairy cow mastitis with particular emphasis on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mastitis control programmes. • Diagnosis, Pathogenesis and immunology of mastitis. • Prevention and treatment of mastitis. • Udder health and milking performance. 	
PERSON SPECIFICATION		
	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honours level 8 degree in veterinary science/animal science or other related discipline. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-graduate experience in dairy cow mastitis research.
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research skills: data management, analysis and experimentation. • Writing skills: scientific (peer-reviewed journals) and technical. • Excellent laboratory skills, organization skills, and data analysis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research skills: general laboratory skills. • Writing skills: popular. • Proven record of scientific communications. • Aptitude for multidisciplinary approaches.
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of diagnosis, pathogenesis, immunology, therapy and control of mastitis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mastitis control programmes.
Behavioural Competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambition, willingness to initiate new projects and research areas. • Excellent interpersonal skills, proficiency in communicating with wide range of stakeholders, i.e. farmers, national and international scientists, policy makers. • Ability to work independently, and meet self-imposed milestones and deliverables. • Ability to communicate effectively to enable knowledge and technology transfer. • Ability to work as part of a team, including consulting, collaborating and building relationships with key stakeholders. • Ability to contribute actively and positively to collaboration and integration within the research team. • Strives for high quality of work and demonstrates commitment to the programme. 	
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