The University of Queensland (UQ) contributes positively to society by engaging in the creation, preservation, transfer and application of knowledge. UQ helps shape the future by bringing together and developing leaders in their fields to inspire the next generation and to advance ideas that benefit the world. UQ strives for the personal and professional success of its students, staff and alumni. For more than a century, we have educated and worked with outstanding people to deliver knowledge leadership for a better world.

UQ ranks in the world's top universities, as measured by several key independent ranking, including the Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities (43), the US News Best Global Universities Rankings (52), QS World University Rankings (47), Academic Ranking of World Universities (55), and the Times Higher Education World University Rankings (60). UQ again topped the nation in the prestigious Nature Index and our Life Sciences subject field ranking in the Academic Ranking of World Universities was the highest in Australia at 20.

UQ has an outstanding reputation for the quality of its teachers, its educational programs and employment outcomes for its students. Our students remain at the heart of what we do. The UQ experience – the UQ Advantage – is distinguished by a research enriched curriculum, international collaborations, industry engagement and opportunities that nurture and develop future leaders. UQ has a strong focus on teaching excellence, winning more national teaching excellence awards than any other in the country and attracting the majority of Queensland's highest academic achievers, as well as top interstate and overseas students.

UQ is one of Australia's Group of Eight, a charter member of edX and a founding member of Universitas 21, an international consortium of leading research-intensive universities.

Our 50,000-plus strong student community includes more than 13,000 postgraduate scholars and more than 12,000 international students from 144 countries, adding to its proud 240,000-plus alumni. The University has about 7,000 academic and professional staff and a $1.8 billion annual operating budget. Its major campuses are at St Lucia, Gatton and Herston, in addition to teaching and research sites around Queensland and Brisbane city. The University has six Faculties and four University-level Institutes. The Institutes, funded by government and industry grants, philanthropy and commercialisation activities, have built scale and focus in research areas in neuroscience, biomolecular and biomedical sciences, sustainable minerals, bioengineering and nanotechnology, as well as social science research.

UQ has an outstanding track-record in commercialisation of our innovation with major technologies employed across the globe and integral to gross product sales of $11billion+ (see http://uniquest.com.au/our-track-record).

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title: Barn Assistant
Organisation Unit: School of Veterinary Science
Position Number: 3033785
Type of Employment: Full Time-Continuing
Classification: Hew Level 1
UQ has a rapidly growing record of attracting philanthropic support for its activities and this will be a strategic focus going forward.

Organisational Environment

The School of Veterinary Science has a rich history, having been founded in 1936, and with a reputation for graduating highly capable veterinarians. The Veterinary Science program at UQ has full accreditation with the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council, the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and the American Veterinary Medical Association. The School also contributes to programs in veterinary technology and animal & veterinary bioscience. The respected QS World Rankings recently ranked UQ as 22nd in the world in the field of Veterinary Science.

The School of Veterinary Science has high quality facilities at the UQ Gatton Campus, providing the teaching, research and clinical infrastructure and resources to further develop its strong reputation as a leading provider of veterinary training, research and clinical care. The Veterinary Teaching Hospital is an organisational unit within the School that includes all of the School’s clinical facilities; the equine and small animal hospitals at Gatton, the Clinical Studies Centre at Gatton, and a small animal hospital & large animal clinic at Dayboro (northwest of Brisbane).

UQ VETS Equine Specialist Hospital has a strong caseload that is largely referral based with some primary accession cases. Facilities include orthopedic, soft tissue and standing surgery operating theatres; advanced diagnostic equipment (digital radiography, computed tomography (CT, nuclear scintigraphy, and echocardiography), high speed treadmill, intensive care unit (including dedicated foal ICU) and dedicated isolation unit. The hospital offers a 24 hour emergency medical and surgical service. UQ BVSc students spend a month rotating through the hospital in their final year.

UQ VETS Small Animal Hospital boasts the latest in veterinary medical and surgical diagnostic and treatment options which underlie the School of Veterinary Sciences’ commitment to providing high quality, compassionate care to meet the needs of the patient, client, referring veterinarian and clinical year veterinary students. The Small Animal Hospital provides a 24 hour Emergency and Critical Care service.

UQ VETS Dayboro is one of the few truly mixed practices within easy commuting distance of Brisbane. This new facility was opened in 2013, with upgrade of the small animal facilities to hospital status, improved large animal outpatient facilities, and accommodation for nine students. Situated 45 minutes north of Brisbane, the area hosts both commercial and hobby farmers offering a mix of 50/50 small and large animals. The large animal component consists of horses, dairy and beef cattle and a growing number of camels. Large animal veterinary work is performed mostly on-farm but there also outpatient facilities available at the practice.

The UQ VETS Clinical Studies Centre facilitates and provides support to pre-clinical and clinical training in companion animals as well as a renowned research hub for clinical and behavioural research. The Centre includes a 16 – table surgical teaching facility, and is also used for veterinary continuing education events. The Clinical Studies Centre is also home to the School’s Pets-for-Life Adoption Program.

UQ staff also supervise clinical placements at the RSPCA’s Brisbane Animal Care Campus, Wacol.

Information about the Faculty and the School may be accessed on the Faculty’s web site at http://www.uq.edu.au/vetschool/.
Information for Prospective Staff
Information about life at UQ including staff benefits, relocation and UQ campuses is available at - http://www.uq.edu.au/current-staff/working-at-uq

The University of Queensland Enterprise Agreement outlines the position classification standards for HEW Levels 1-10.

**DUTY STATEMENT**

**Primary Purpose of Position**

This position is responsible for the care of all UQ VETS Equine Specialist Hospital in-patients (feed, water and bedding), the handling and restraint of horses for clinical procedures, and the care and maintenance of the stable facilities (stable cleaning, general cleaning) at the Equine Specialist Hospital.

**Duties**

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

**Care and maintenance of facilities**

- Clean and bed stalls in line with Biosecurity and Equine Specialist Hospital standards.
- Liaise with UQ Properties and Facilities to facilitate straw and biological waste removal as directed.
- Ensure facility including stalls and work areas are kept safe, clean and hygienic.
- Ensure suitable and adequate stable supplies and feed available as needed.
- Basic maintenance of the facility and grounds.

**Horse handling and care**

- Assist clients to unload and load horses onto trailers.
- Restrain horses for veterinary procedures including diagnostic imaging and standing surgery.
- Hand walk, trot and lunge horses for veterinary examination.
- Assist with the induction and recovery of horses from anaesthesia.
- Feed horses and report to Lead Nurse of any concerns regarding In-patients.
- Provide assistance to students performing examinations and treatments on hospitalised horses.

**Other**

- Carry out other duties as required by the Hospital Director, Lead Nurse – Equine Specialist Hospital or Operations Manager.
- Comply with the University’s Code of Conduct (see the University’s web site at http://www.uq.edu.au/hupp/?page=24987)
- Comply with requirements of Queensland occupational health and safety (OH&S) legislation and related OH&S responsibilities and procedures developed by the University or School (see the University’s web site at http://www.uq.edu.au/ohs/index.html?page=133956).
• Adopt sustainable practices in all work activities and comply with associated legislation and related sustainability responsibilities and procedures developed by the University (see the University’s web site at http://www.uq.edu.au/sustainability/responsibilities.

Organisational Relationships

This position reports to the Deputy Lead Nurse.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

**Essential**

- Completion of Year 10
- Minimum of 2 years experience in the horse industry, including active horse husbandry and handling.
- Queensland open driver’s license (class C).
- Physically capable of carrying out duties (the trotting of horses, bedding and cleaning of stables, manual assistance with moving and manipulating anaesthetised horses and the restraint of horses).
- Capacity to work in a team environment.
- Capacity to relate well and communicate with a wide range of people including staff, students, clients and outside suppliers.
- Understand the value of excellent client service.
- Care and compassion for hospital patients.

**Desirable**

- A current forklift license.
- Basic computer skills.
- Previous experience in an equine veterinary hospital/clinic.

The University of Queensland values diversity and inclusion.

Applications are particularly encouraged from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. For further information please contact our Australian Indigenous Employment Coordinator at: atsi_recruitment@uq.edu.au

Applications are also encouraged from women.