



Dairy cow and calf health and welfare in conventional and organic production systems

M.Sc. STUDENTSHIP POSITION AVAILABLE

A thesis-based, 2-year Master of Science (M.Sc.) studentship is available within the Department Animal & Poultry Science, University of Guelph beginning either September 2010 or January 2011.

The research project will involve studying the health and welfare of cows and calves on conventional and organic dairy herds in Ontario in relation to production practices.

The student is expected to complete coursework at the University of Guelph, while the fieldwork and data collection will take place throughout Ontario. Therefore applicants for this position should be able to work well independently and be prepared to spend a significant amount of time away from Guelph, in the field, collecting data.

Qualifications: Candidates should have a Bachelor's degree in animal science, veterinary medicine, physiology, or biological sciences. The successful candidate will have demonstrated strong academic performance during their undergraduate degree program and have strong verbal and written communication skills. Previous experience working with dairy cattle would be considered a strong asset. A DVM qualification would also be considered an asset. Further, motivation for the study of animal health and welfare is expected of the candidate, along with a valid driver's license.

For further information about the above M.Sc. research opportunity or other research opportunities that may be available, please contact: Dr. Trevor DeVries, Dept. Animal and Poultry Science, University of Guelph, Kemptville Campus, 830 Prescott St., Kemptville, ON, Canada, K0G 1J0; Tel: +1-613-258-8336 Ext. 61458, Fax: +1-613-258-8285; E-mail: tdevries@kemptvillec.uoguelph.ca