The Department of Clinical Sciences at Colorado State University seeks applications for the Director of the Orthopaedic Research Center (ORC) (http://cvmbs.colostate.edu/academics/clinsci/equine-orthopaedic-research-center/Pages). Credentials for the position are a PhD, DVM, and/or MD degree; academic credentials necessary to justify a tenured appointment at the rank of Professor or Associate Professor; robust track record of extramural research funding in musculoskeletal biology and/or regenerative therapies; and demonstrated leadership ability. The successful candidate should fully embrace comparative and translational orthopaedic and regenerative medical research addressing significant disorders affecting relevant species. Opportunity for clinical privileges (if the successful applicant is a board certified DVM) in the James L. Voss Veterinary Teaching Hospital (VTH) exists but is not a requirement.

The primary responsibility of the Director of the ORC is to provide visionary leadership for one of the flagship programs at CSU. Specific responsibilities of this position include supervision and coordination of faculty and staff; mentoring and advising of junior faculty, post-doctoral fellows and graduate students; establishment of external and internal collaborations; preparation of reports and publications; research administration; programmatic and financial oversight of the center; public outreach; participation in the departmental leadership advisory group; and fundraising. Finally, the development of a robust research portfolio in musculoskeletal biology and/or regenerative medicine that includes internal, foundation and/or federal funding is a primary expectation for the successful candidate. Personal and professional commitment to diversity is expected, as demonstrated by involvement in teaching, research, creative activity, service to the profession, and/or diversity/inclusion activities.

The ORC is an internationally recognized center of excellence in the field of translational orthopaedics, sports medicine, musculoskeletal research, and regenerative therapies. There are currently 10 primary faculty members (including 3 Bioengineering faculty members) dedicated to the ORC. This group includes both veterinarians and basic scientists. Administrative support is available for both the Director and primary faculty and research support includes a Research Trials Coordinator and a Basic Laboratory Manager. Multiple research associates, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, undergraduate students and residents in both Equine Sports Medicine and Surgery are fully incorporated into both the research and clinical missions of the ORC.

The ORC has a tradition in research, medicine, service and outreach and is the foundation of the Musculoskeletal Research Program which is designated as a Program of Research and Scholarly Excellence at CSU. The newly renovated and expanded orthopaedic research laboratory (ORL) contains separate biochemistry, molecular biology, histology (non-decalcified and decalcified) and tissue culture space in over 4000 sq ft of total laboratory space. Biomedical Engineering Faculty have additional tissue processing, image analysis and biomechanical testing capabilities. Adjacent to the ORL, is the Gail Holmes ORC which contains an equine surgery suite. Equipment for radiography is available at the ORC which also houses a high speed treadmill and
has 32 stalls for horses. The VTH contains equipment for nuclear scintigraphy, computed tomography (CT) and PET/CT scanner. Between the ORC and ORL is the magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) center which houses a high field strength extremity scanner. There is also a gait analysis center with capability for kinetics and kinematics for both horses and dogs.

Colorado State University has an enrollment of over 30,000 students and is located in Fort Collins at the base of the front range of the Rocky Mountains. Less than 1 hour from Rocky Mountain National Park, Fort Collins is a city of 150,000 with an excellent school system, an expansive natural areas program with extensive biking and hiking trails and a climate that boasts over 300 days of sunshine per year. Consistently ranked by Money Magazine as one of the “Best Places to Live” Fort Collins has exceptional outdoor and cultural activities and the cities of Boulder and Denver are within an hour drive.

Salary and start-up packages will be competitive and commensurate with the qualifications of the applicant. Interested individuals should send a curriculum vita, letter of intent, a vision statement, a description of research interests, and the names, email, and postal addresses of 3 individuals who can act as references to:

Christopher Orton, DVM, PhD
Professor and Head
Department of Clinical Sciences
c/o Morna Mynard

Applicants should email all application materials to mmynard@colostate.edu. References will not be contacted without prior notification of candidates. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled but evaluation will begin September 1, 2014.

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Colorado State University is committed to providing a safe and productive learning and living community. To achieve that goal, we conduct background investigations for all final candidates being considered for employment. Background checks may include, but are not limited to, criminal history, national sex offender search and motor vehicle history.