



ANIMAL HEALTH IRELAND

To contribute to an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable farming and agri-food sector through improved animal health and welfare

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Position: Innovation Broker

The Organisation

Animal Health Ireland is a not-for-profit, public-private partnership, tasked with controlling livestock diseases not subject to international regulation, with the objective of improving the profitability and sustainability of Irish farmers and the agri-food sector. The advice provided by AHI is developed by a number of Technical Working Groups and the delivery of its major programmes is overseen by cross-industry Implementation Groups.

Description

The successful candidate will be responsible for providing support in several activities of the Pig HealthCheck (PHC) programme and will report directly to the PHC Programme Manager. The main focus of the work will be on the TAILWARDS (Irish pig sector stakeholders moving together towards raising pigs with intact tails) project. This project is a collaboration between Teagasc, Animal Health Ireland and the Irish Farmers Association (IFA). The successful candidate will lead and work as Innovation Broker for the PRRS eradication/control task and contribute to the other tasks of the project (e.g. overstocking feedback task). This will require arranging meetings, reviewing and updating materials, minute taking, developing reports, writing newsletters and articles for printing and social media, providing technical information and support to veterinarians and farmers.

Candidate Requirements

Essential

- The candidate should be highly organised, motivated and committed to delivering high-quality results.
- Excellent communication skills (oral, written, presentation) with an ability to enable effective knowledge and technology transfer.
- Ability to work effectively and with flexibility as part of a team.
- Competence in writing technical material and farm articles.
- Knowledge and experience of working with Microsoft Office Tools.
- Excellent project management, analytical, report writing and data analysis skills.
- The candidate will need to satisfy legal requirements to drive unaccompanied on Irish public roads and have their own transport.

Desirable

- Experience of the Irish pig Industry.
- Knowledge and experience of epidemiological concepts of disease control.

Educational Requirements

Candidates should have a first or upper second-class honours degree or M.Sc. in an appropriate discipline (Veterinary Science, Animal or Agricultural Science or similar). Candidates with a veterinary degree or further relevant qualifications, in particular the ECVPH Diploma, will have a significant advantage. The candidate must be proficient in both written and spoken English.

Selection Process

Candidates are required to submit a cover letter, including two referees and curriculum vitae to Nuala Morgan, Animal Health Ireland – ahi@animalhealthireland.ie, by Thursday 20th March, 2025. Interviews will take place in the first week of April.

Job Location

The AHI office is based in Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim, preference of post to be based in the office but hybrid working will be considered if close to the geographical area of the organisation.

Contract Duration and nature

Full-time position (40 hours per week) for 2 years or part-time position (30 hours per week) for 2.5 years

Start Date

May 2025

Salary range: €45,000 - €60,000 depending on experience (pro-rata for part-time)