The Department of Pathology at the Wake Forest School of Medicine (WFSM) invites applications for the position of Associate Professor (tenured or tenure eligible) in the Section on Comparative Medicine. The qualified candidate is expected to have a nationally-recognized, extramurally funded, research program. Experience and/or interest in nonhuman primate models is highly desired. This position comes with a competitive start-up package and excellent collaborative opportunities with both basic science and clinical faculty in the WFSM.

The successful candidate will become part of a multidisciplinary team of scientists in Comparative Medicine who conduct translational research using nonhuman primates, rodents and cell-based models. Comparative Medicine is home to 16 PhD, DVM, DVM/PhD, and MD faculty. Areas of research strength and growth in the Section include cardiovascular disease, metabolic disease/cell stress, behavioral neurobiology, radiation effects, cancer, and pediatric/developmental programming. NIH-funded training grants within the Section support research training for postdoctoral fellows and veterinary student summer fellows. The Section is home to two NIH-funded national resource nonhuman primate (NHP) colonies (the Vervet Research Colony consisting of over 300 genotyped and pedigreed vervet monkeys, and the NIAID Radiation Survivor Cohort, consisting of over 150 rhesus monkeys previously exposed to radiation) with a total population of approximately 500 NHPs. Additional onsite resources available to faculty include imaging capabilities for large animals (CT/DEXA) with expansion underway to include PET/CT, MRI and a linear accelerator onsite (currently available at a separate campus), and a ~2600sqft ABSL-3 facility. These primate resources provide for abundant research opportunities and serve as magnets for collaborative work.

Institutional centers involved in collaborative research include the Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI), the Cardiovascular Sciences Center, the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine, the Wake Forest University Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Center for Precision Medicine, the Sticht Center for Healthy Aging and Alzheimer’s Prevention, and the Translational Imaging Program. A few of the many CTSI programs designed to support new research faculty include a Translational Research Academy, K Award Writer Series, Research Studios, and the opportunity to apply for a 2-year KL2 Career Development Award. The broader community consists of over 1000 faculty spanning over 40 academic departments and over 25 academic Centers or Institutes.

Wake Forest School of Medicine is recognized as one of the country’s best schools for its innovative medical education, primary care, training and research programs. The medical school is part of Wake Forest Baptist Health/Atrium Health and is located in Winston Salem, NC, an affordable community named by Southern Living as one of the best cities on the rise for 2021. Wake Forest Baptist Health is a major employer in the area and was ranked in 2021 by Forbes as one of the top best large employers in the country.

QUALIFICATIONS
The qualified candidate is expected to have a nationally-recognized research program supported by extramural funding and will have an outstanding record of research accomplishments and publications. Candidates should hold a terminal degree (DVM, PhD, DO, Pharm D or MD), and have a strong publication record. Postdoctoral research training, strong quantitative, oral and written communication skills, familiarity with animal and cellular imaging modalities, molecular and cellular pathology experience, and complex biomolecular and biostatistical analyses will be considered strengths.
RESPONSIBILITIES

Successful candidates will be expected to maintain an extramurally funded research program. Support of institutional and departmental teaching and mentoring for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows is essential. Collaborative research with other faculty in the department and across Wake Forest Baptist Health and other universities in North Carolina is expected.

APPLICATION

Applicants should submit an application package as a single pdf document, including (1) a letter with statement of interest and research goals; (2) a complete curriculum vitae; and (3) names and contact information for three professional references.

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