



**Harper Adams
University**

Lecturer in Animal Health and Welfare
Full Time, Maternity Cover for up to one year



Harper Adams is a friendly, talented community of more than 600 employees, working to ensure that everyone on the planet has access to food, and that this is achieved sustainably. Our work contributes to planetary health, animal health and wellbeing, and ultimately how this contributes to human health. We are passionate about what we do and are committed to making a difference.

Harper Adams University is committed to the wellbeing of our employees, and their personal and professional development. This is reflected in our annual employee survey - employees tell us they're proud to be a part of the university and that it is a good, safe place to work where they feel trusted to do their jobs and supported by their managers.

Whilst many of our teaching, research and knowledge exchange activities are delivered or coordinated from an attractive campus in rural Shropshire, our impact and reach is regional, national and international. We offer free staff parking, leisure facilities, and we are only a short drive from the busy market town of Newport.

Some of the benefits of working at Harper Adams University are:

- Beautiful rural location
- Generous holiday entitlement
- On campus retail, catering and gym facilities
- Opportunity to purchase additional holiday
- Opportunities for agile working
- Employee Assistance Programme
- Disability Confident Employer
- Enhanced maternity benefits
- Enhanced sickness absence payments
- Cyclescheme supporter
- Workwear provided (*if applicable*)

Harper Adams University is the UK's premier educational institution serving the agri-food, animal wellbeing and connected industries, recognised as a world-leading specialist provider. Our focus is on food production and technology, animal health and wellbeing, management of land and property, and their contribution to sustainable living environments for our planet's population; we are equally committed to making the UK's food and farming competitive in a world where we will need to compete globally. Our education and research encompass food production and processing, animal sciences, environmental sustainability, mechanical engineering, land management and sustainable business management. We have strong relationships with companies in the UK and abroad, and with academic institutions across the world, collaborating in research and in the delivery of our courses. We are a University with regional, national and international reach and impact, repeatedly appearing in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times Good University Guide* as the UK's highest-ranked modern university.

The University began life in 1901 as Harper Adams Agricultural College and was granted University status in 2012. Our Chancellor is Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal; our current Vice-Chancellor is Professor Ken Sloan, who joined us in 2021. The University is based on a single campus in Shropshire, close to the old market town of Newport and within easy reach of the

modern town of Telford, which offers a range of housing possibilities and has excellent rail and road links to the West Midlands conurbation and beyond. Investment of more than £50 million over the last decade has ensured that our campus boasts the most up-to-date teaching, research and conference facilities as well as accommodation for around 800 students. Our most recent additions include contemporary laboratories and a purpose-built Veterinary Services Centre for teaching and research, swiftly followed by a £500,000 refurbishment of the veterinary nursing facilities. On-campus leisure facilities include a multi-gym, sports hall, dance and aerobics studio. And we are one of the very universities to have its own commercial farm: covering 494 hectares, its facilities include a £2 million leading-edge dairy unit with a robotic dairy.

For a virtual tour of campus, visit [www. Harper-adams.ac.uk/university-life/our-university/virtual-tour](http://www.Harper-adams.ac.uk/university-life/our-university/virtual-tour)

We are regarded as the UK's highest-ranked small specialist provider for the agri-food and animal wellbeing industries, consistently producing the largest cohort of graduates for the agri-food and animal wellbeing sectors, more than 99% of whom go immediately into employment. We currently have about 3,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students, studying both full-and part-time. Our courses cover not just every stage of the food chain – from developing the machinery used to prepare land through to how food is sold and the nutrients it delivers – but also broader subjects such as general business management, automotive engineering and veterinary professions, including, since the establishment of the Harper and Keele Veterinary School in 2020, Veterinary Medicine and Surgery. We have achieved the highest ratings in Quality Assurance Agency reviews. Our undergraduate curriculum is industry-aligned, work focused, co-developed and co-delivered with industry, rooted in partnerships with about 1,100 companies in the UK and abroad. At its heart is our mandatory Placement Year – a bespoke learning experience for our students, tailored to the real needs of employers. We offer a swathe of employer and philanthropically-funded scholarships channelled through our Development Trust. And we support employers by providing a large range of (often bespoke) CPD courses – we have about 2,000 learners here – and with our Higher Level and Degree Apprenticeship Programmes launched in 2017. These courses enable us to address directly the skills needs of the UK's agriculture and food industry. We reinforced this work in 2021, by establishing, with support from the NFU, Morrisons and McDonalds, our School of Sustainable Food and Farming, tasked with ensuring that the sector has the skills to enable it to deliver its 2040 Net Zero goal.

We have a strong research profile. Our work is esteemed nationally and internationally for its quality and impact, particularly in areas such as entomology, sustainable agriculture, crops, livestock nutrition, autonomous and precision farming. In the 2021 Research Excellence Framework, 60% of our research was judged to be world-leading or internationally excellent. Our research is both strategic and applied. Our strategic research tackles the inter-related challenges of food security and sustainability, focusing on the need to achieve Net Zero in agriculture and food supply chains in concert with the requirements for sustainable agriculture. We focus particularly on smart agriculture; improving soil health; sustainable land use and rural communities; reducing the impact of ruminant livestock; sustainable food systems and the circular economy, and integrated pest and disease management. Our applied research, in collaboration with regional, national and international companies, addresses their particular needs and is an important part of our research portfolio. Student research also contributes

significantly to our research output - a research project is part of all our degree courses, undergraduate and postgraduate. Our research is structured around two overarching research centres covering Crop and Environmental Science, and Animal Welfare, each containing a number of themed groups; we also have cross-cutting multidisciplinary research groups, and our Future Farm – our focus to realise a pathway to Net Zero within wider sustainability parameters.

Harper Adams is a young university, energetic and purposeful – one that says not just ‘can do’ but ‘will do’ – ambitious and forward-looking. We are an optimistic, pragmatic and collaborative community, facing challenges with confidence, ready to grasp new opportunities. We aim by 2030 to combine being regarded as the UK’s leading specialist institution with being an internationally recognised university for food production animal health and wellbeing and their contribution to sustainable living environments for the world’s population. Our Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ken Sloan, has recently led a revision of our Strategy to take us up to 2030: this sets out how we can achieve this ambition by focusing on goals of inclusion, community, influence and sustainability. It charts a path that offers both opportunities and challenges – a pioneering journey that involves our whole Harper Adams’ community, one to which everyone working to make a difference belongs.

Facilities

Harper Adams has extensive, well-equipped facilities and is constantly investing in its campus. Facilities include a range of modern teaching facilities and an extensive library, a variety of IT suites including an engineering design centre, newly extended laboratory facilities, a field laboratory and a livestock project centre, a glasshouse complex, an agricultural engineering unit with a large, covered soil working area and a number of sustainable technology installations. New facilities opened since 2017 include new laboratories, an Agri-Tech Innovation Hub and SMART Dairy Unit. A Veterinary Education Centre opened 2021, in support of existing programmes and the new Harper & Keele Veterinary School. Capital funding to support the development of many of these facilities has been provided through the work of the Development Trust.

The University also provides a range of training and professional development opportunities via its staff development programme.

Catering and Sports Facilities

The University’s Students’ Union operates a membership fee paying gym that staff may join. The University has bowling green and tennis courts that are available for staff use during the summer period. A variety of University catering outlets provide access to lunch facilities on campus.

For further details about the University, please visit our website:

<http://www.harper-adams.ac.uk>

JOB DESCRIPTION

Title of the post: Lecture in Animal Health and Welfare – Maternity Cover

Department: Animal Health, Behaviour and Welfare

Reporting to: Associate Head of Department; Animal Sciences

Animal Health, Behaviour and Welfare Department

The Animal Health, Behaviour & Welfare (AHBW) Department employs more than 60 members of staff which includes veterinary nurses, veterinary physiotherapists, veterinary surgeons, animal scientists, animal behaviour researchers and technicians. Staff work together to deliver both undergraduate and postgraduate courses focusing on veterinary nursing, veterinary physiotherapy, veterinary biosciences and animal health, welfare and behaviour. Research is also undertaken across this range of subject areas.

The Role

The University seeks a highly motivated animal scientist with expertise in animal health and welfare to join the team supporting Animal Sciences at undergraduate and postgraduate level at the university. This post is a maternity cover post, full time for a maximum duration of one year.

The appointee will have a specific role to participate in the support and delivery of the Animal Sciences degree programmes and in particular animal health and welfare related modules across a range of programme areas. The department delivers undergraduate programmes in Agriculture, Veterinary Biosciences and Animal Health, Welfare and Behaviour, and a range of professional and postgraduate programmes, which can be viewed on the University web site. The role has a strong animal health content including, but not limited to, microbiology, parasitology, immunology, disease control and diagnostic techniques. The position may involve some collaboration in the delivery of the Veterinary Medicine programme within the Harper and Keele Veterinary School.

The Successful candidate will be required to support delivery of the following taught modules:

- Principles of Animal Health
- Laboratory Techniques
- Introduction to Animal Health
- Advances in Farm Animal Health, Welfare and Behaviour
- Physiological Chemistry

Main Duties and Responsibilities

The main duties of this role will include:

1. Contribution to and development of teaching a range of animal health and welfare modules, to include but not limited to;
 - Principles of Animal Health
 - Laboratory Techniques
 - Introduction to Animal Health
 - Advances in Farm Animal Health, Welfare and Behaviour
 - Physiological Chemistry

2. Participation in the organisation and supervision of undergraduate projects;
3. Involvement in the supervision of students during their placement periods;
4. Participation in the broader academic and corporate life of the University, which will require occasional weekend work
5. Other academic and support duties as requested by the line manager

Personal Specification

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	A Relevant first degree such as Animal Science, Animal Biology, Zoology or Bioveterinary Science	
Experience	Experience of participation in the delivery of teaching or profession related training, preferably at Higher Education level.	Knowledge transfer and related publication Experience in a scientific laboratory setting
Knowledge/Skills	Appropriate role related knowledge and skills.	Knowledge specifically relating to farm animal health and welfare
Personal Qualities	The right candidate will show a high level of organisational ability and interpersonal skills. The ability to work both as part of a team and autonomously as the needs of the role demand	

Conditions of Service

The national recommendations which have arisen from the negotiations between UCEA and the unions recognised at national level, the Joint Negotiating Committee for Higher Education Staff (JNCHES), directly affect the terms and conditions insofar as they have been adopted by the Board of Governors.

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Salary The commencing salary will be within the range £38,205 to £42,978 per annum. Salaries are paid monthly, in arrears, by credit transfer.

Contract Term This is full time, maternity cover post, commencing approximately 2nd January, for up to one year. The employment may be terminated during the course of the contract by either party giving three months' notice in writing.

Holidays The annual holiday entitlement is 35 working days, plus statutory bank holidays. In addition to this there are 8 University closure days during the full annual leave year. The holiday year runs from 1 August to 31 July and in the holiday year in which the employment commences or terminates the holiday entitlement will accrue on a pro-rata basis for each complete week of service. The timing of holidays is subject to the agreement of the Line Manager.

All annual holiday entitlement (including bank holidays and University closure days) is pro-rata for part-time employees. Further details will be confirmed on appointment.

Sick Leave During periods of certified sickness, the post-holder will be eligible to receive sick pay in accordance with the University Sick Pay Policy. The payment of sick pay is subject to compliance with the University rules for the notification and verification of sickness absence, details of which will be provided to the successful applicant upon commencement of employment.

Pension The person appointed will be entitled to participate in the Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) subject to its terms and conditions from time to time in force, unless election is made to make private pension arrangements or to participate in the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (SERPS)

Contract of Employment The Contract of Employment will be that agreed between PCEF and the unions recognised at national level (the Polytechnics and Universities National Negotiating Committee Lecturers' Common Interest Group) on 5 December 1990, revised to comply with the Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993 and the provisions of the National Framework Agreement for the modernisation of pay structures. The main features are:

- participation in staff appraisal schemes;
- exclusivity of contract;
- clauses relating to patents and inventions, copyright, confidential information, pensions, sickness and maternity benefits.

A full copy of the Contract of Employment and associated conditions will be available for inspection by candidates shortlisted for interview.

Removal Expenses The lowest of three tenders for removal expenses within the United Kingdom will be refunded. If the successful candidate terminates the engagement within six months of commencement the removal expenses must be repaid to the University.

Probationary Period	The appointment is subject to satisfactory completion of a twelve month probationary period.
Criminal Convictions	<p>The post involves the opportunity for access to children and young persons under the age of 18. For this reason the University is entitled to take into account any criminal convictions, cautions or impending case(s) that it considers to be relevant to this post.</p> <p>The post is exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. This means that applicants are not entitled to withhold information about convictions which for other purposes are “spent” under the provisions of the Act.</p> <p>Applicants must therefore complete the part of the application form declaring any criminal convictions and cautions from any court or police authority. The successful applicant will have to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service Check before an appointment can be made.</p>

References:

Candidates should ensure that they provide full details of the name and postal address of their referees. Please include e-mail addresses and telephone numbers wherever possible.

Referees should include your present, or most recent, employer.

Application Procedure:

All applications should be completed and submitted using the Harper Adams e-Recruitment programme at <http://jobs.harper-adams.ac.uk>

To be completed no later than midnight on Wednesday 25 October 2023

Interview Date: TBC