



PhD Position in Sheep Behavior and Welfare

The Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences has a PhD student position available with a start date of January 2021 or June 2021. The successful candidate will join in the development of a research program focusing on sheep behavior and welfare. They will be actively involved in research development, project management, data collection and analysis, grant writing, publication, and presentation at regional and international scientific meetings. This position includes an annual stipend, tuition waiver, and benefits.

Potential areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Developing algorithms for automated behavioral monitoring of health and welfare
- Behavioral and health effects of weaning methods in lambs and ewes
- Pain evaluation and mitigation for tail-docking in lambs
- Environmental enrichment for ewes, rams, or lambs
- Welfare and management of orphaned lambs

Qualifications:

- MSc in Biology, Animal Science, Agricultural Engineering, Computer Science, or related field
- BSc with substantial research experience may also be considered
- Experience in data collection, project management, and statistical analysis
- Knowledge of and enthusiasm for animal behavior and welfare research
- Strong quantitative, writing, and scientific literacy skills

Start date: January 2021 preferred, but a start date of June 2021 will also be considered.

Application: Please send the following materials to Dr. Sarah Adcock (sarah.adcock@wisc.edu): CV, unofficial transcript, GRE scores (if available), contact information for 2 references, and a cover letter stating your qualifications and research interests. Candidates will be considered on a continuing basis until the position is filled. The lab is committed to providing an inclusive and supportive environment and encourages candidates of diverse backgrounds to apply.

NOTE: Graduate admissions to the Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences are conducted on a rolling basis. Candidates need not apply to the UW graduate school until selected as a finalist.

For further information, please contact:

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