

Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form

To be completed by the chief State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or his/her designee

Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)

Nomination of Veterinarian Shortage Situations for the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) Authorized Under the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA)

Note: Please submit one separate nomination form for each position. See solicitation for number of nominations permitted for your state or insular area.

Veterinary Shortage ID Code: NY114

Location of Veterinary Shortage Area for this Nomination

Note: If this nomination is for a public practice position, please provide the location of the home office or the center of service area.

Location of Veterinary Shortage: New York State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
(e.g., County, State/Insular Area)

Center of Service Area or
Location of Position: Ithaca, NY
(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty

- Type I Shortage: Private Practice
Food Animal Medicine (at least 80 percent time)
Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:
- Beef Cattle
 - Dairy Cattle
 - Swine
 - Poultry
 - Small Ruminant
 - Other _____

- Type II Shortage: Private Practice – Rural Area
Food Animal Medicine (at least 30 percent time)
Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:
- Beef Cattle
 - Dairy Cattle
 - Swine
 - Poultry
 - Small Ruminant
 - Other : _____

- Type III Shortage: Public Practice (at least 49 percent time*)
Employer: NYS Veterinary Diag. Lab Position Title: Veterinary Diagnostician
Please select **one or more** specialty/disciplinary areas.
- Food Safety
 - Public Health
 - Epidemiology
 - Other: Veterinary Diagnostics

Please describe the objectives of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation as well as being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

Objectives: 1) Create a well-qualified pool of candidates from diverse backgrounds to fill positions at New York's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. 2) Help assure that talented students and graduates with aptitude for veterinary diagnostics are not prevented from serving due to financial constraints. 3) The person meeting this shortage situation will spend a minimum of 50% of their professional effort towards protecting the health of domestic livestock in food production. 4) Provide New York's animal agriculture industries with excellent veterinary diagnostic support. 5) Build a favorable environment for innovation in veterinary diagnostics.

Please describe the activities of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation and being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

Diagnostics at the nation's veterinary diagnostic laboratories perform many duties vital to protecting animal agriculture, public health and wildlife populations. The beneficiary in this position will perform duties such as, but not limited to, gross necropsy examinations, immunologic, testing for bacteria, viruses, parasites, toxins or other disease-causing agents, histopathology, epidemiology and farm inspections. The selected individual will be expected to actively participate in research to advance veterinary diagnostics at the NYS Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

Please describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian in the shortage situation identified above (limit your response to 100 words or less).

Most of the veterinary scientists employed at these facilities have undergone difficult residency training and have earned advanced degrees and/or certifications beyond their Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. As a result men and women qualified to serve at the nation's veterinary diagnostic laboratories are few in number and are often heavily encumbered with educational debts. New York faces a challenge in recruiting due to a relatively high cost of living and an overall paucity of professional jobs for spouses. Past attempts to recruit similar positions have been somewhat successful, largely due to the prominence of the host institution in the veterinary community.

Please describe the risk of this veterinarian position not being secured or retained. Include the risk(s) to the production of a safe and wholesome food supply and to animal, human, and environmental health not only in the community but in the region, state/insular area, nation, and/or international community (limit your response to 250 words or less).

Failure to adequately staff this position will result in diminished capacity for animal disease testing and surveillance. Specific risks include: delayed time to diagnosis of serious animal diseases or zoonoses, diminished quality of service due to overworked professional personnel, delays in development of needed diagnostic innovations, adverse impact to the economic well-being of food production, decreased food safety and increased risks to public health. As the speed and volume of interstate and global commerce continue to increase, the capacity for veterinary diagnostics must keep pace or the risk of a serious animal or zoonotic disease outbreak will become unmanageable.

Please indicate whether you consider this situation/position a candidate for a "service in emergency" agreement (limit your response to 100 words or less). Please see solicitations for additional information regarding the obligation of participants who enter into the "Service in Emergency" agreement.

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