

CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
Post Specification for Head of Department of Infectious Diseases and Public Health

The University

City University of Hong Kong (CityU) is funded by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region through the University Grants Committee of Hong Kong. As a publicly funded institution, the University is committed to nurturing and developing students' talents and creating applicable knowledge to support social and economic advancement. It is a dynamic, fast-growing university that is pursuing excellence in research and professional education. CityU has a growing international reputation and aspires to become a leading global university. It has made giant strides in the recent world university ranking exercises. It has been ranked 48th in world university rankings, and 4th among the world's top 50 universities under the age of 50 in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) 2021 survey. Besides, it has been ranked 1st in the World's Most International Universities according to THE 2020 survey, 1st in Engineering/Technology/Computer Sciences in Hong Kong according to ARWU 2016 survey and 1st Business School in Asia-Pacific region according to UT Dallas 2019 survey.

Academic Structure

The University has five Colleges (Business, Engineering, Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Science, Veterinary Medicine and Life Sciences) and four Schools (Creative Media, Data Science, Energy and Environment, Law). The University offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes. The Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine programme commencing in the academic year 2017/18 represents a milestone in the development of veterinary education in Hong Kong and the region.

The Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies strengthens the operation and development of all postgraduate programmes and fosters a nurturing ambiance for graduate studies.

The Campus

Strategically located in Hong Kong, the University is close to the Kowloon Tong station of the Mass Transit Railway and is readily accessible from all parts of the city. Its purpose-built campus offers state-of-the-art learning, teaching and research facilities in a high-technology environment, supported by an advanced computing network system. All facilities are within easy distance, enabling active staff-student interactions and participation in various on-campus activities.

The University has launched ambitious campus development plans to make better use of available space and provide top-quality facilities for its faculty and students. The state-of-the-art Run Run Shaw Creative Media Centre building, Li Dak Sum Yip Yio Chin Academic Building and Lau Ming Wai Academic Building were completed. These projects collectively add 60 percent more space to the campus for academic pursuits.

Quality Education

The University offers professional education to prepare its students for the challenges and exciting opportunities emerging in Hong Kong, the Asia-Pacific region and throughout the world. Through its extensive links with relevant industries, the University provides opportunities for students to work with and learn from professionals in the workplace.

The University has a strong team of experienced, globally-recruited academic staff with diverse research interests and professional expertise. Employing interactive, IT-based teaching methodologies, students acquire a first-rate grounding in their chosen subjects and the life-long learning skills needed for the real world. The University's unique Discovery-enriched Curriculum has the goal of giving all students the chance to make an original discovery.

Research

The University sees research as one of the key elements in its strategy to become a leading university in the region. The University concentrates its resources to achieve excellence in selected areas of research, and focuses on applied research with direct local and regional relevance. Over the past few years, the University has secured significant external funding from the University Grants Committee's General Research Fund and other sources to pursue relevant projects. Research institutes/centres have been established to provide the focus for interdisciplinary research in selected areas with the capacity and potential for international competitiveness.

An **Institute for Advanced Study** has been set up to gather some of the best minds in science and engineering, to pursue curiosity-driven ideas and studies, and to conduct unfettered research based on free and deep thinking. The University also obtained approval from the Ministry of Science and Technology of China to establish two State Key Laboratories and one Chinese National Engineering Research Center at the University: the **State Key Laboratory of Terahertz and Millimeter Waves**, the **State Key Laboratory of Marine Pollution** and the **Hong Kong Branch of National Precious Metals Material Engineering Research Center**. To extend the University's research impact beyond Hong Kong, two institutes are set up in the Mainland China, the **Shenzhen Research Institute** and the **Chengdu Research Institute**, providing permanent platforms for the research and development, incubation and innovation, as well as professional education and training in the Mainland.

(More information about the University is available at <http://www.cityu.edu.hk>)

Jockey Club College of Veterinary Medicine and Life Sciences

<https://www.cityu.edu.hk/jcc/>

In 2017, CityU established the Jockey Club College of Veterinary Medicine and Life Sciences. The College provides an expanded platform to enhance collaboration and synergy between the disciplines of life sciences and veterinary medicine at CityU to pursue excellence and innovation to benefit society, particularly in the prevention of infectious diseases, the study of physiological and pathological processes, and the development of veterinary and human disease diagnostics and therapeutics for improving quality of life. The College currently consists of four departments: Department of Biomedical Sciences, Department of Neuroscience, Department of Infectious Diseases and Public Health, and Department of Veterinary Clinical Science.

The College offers world-class veterinary and biomedical education, advanced training, cutting-edge research in biomedical and veterinary sciences, and first-rate veterinary services under the “One Health” concept. The latter recognizes the interconnectedness of human and animal health. It will enable Hong Kong and the region to improve the management and prevention of existing and emerging diseases, thereby protecting human health and animal health.

The College will create new growth points for our society and new career paths for our young people by expanding opportunities for Hong Kong’s professional services to extend beyond the confines of the local community to take advantage of China’s fast-growing industries and knowledge transfer opportunities. It will enable CityU to become an international public health hub with significant local and regional impact.

Department of Infectious Diseases and Public Health

<https://www.cityu.edu.hk/ph/en/index.html>

The Department of Infectious Diseases and Public Health was established in July 2017. Its mission is to achieve and sustain excellence in teaching and research through advancing the understanding of the interconnectivity of animal and human health. The Department is well positioned to provide a strong link between the preclinical veterinary sciences and applied (clinical) veterinary medicine. In another dimension it focuses on One Health, an area spanning the health of animals, humans and the environment. The Department plays a key role in teaching students in the Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and providing postgraduate research training. Departmental academic staff members undertake teaching and research across their areas of specialty, and are actively engaged in enhancing the profile and effectiveness of veterinary training, public health and applied research through partnership and strengthening links with industry, business, commerce and other institutions locally and internationally.

Job Specification

The Position

Title: Head, Department of Infectious Diseases and Public Health, Jockey Club College of Veterinary Medicine and Life Sciences

Reports to: Dean, and Provost through the Dean

Key Areas of Responsibility: The Head of Department will provide leadership and strategic direction in research and professional education for the Department. The Head will encourage and promote academic excellence, and steer the Department to enhance the mission and vision of the University in alignment with the University’s Strategic Plan.

Specific Responsibilities:

- (1) Provide a vision for the future of the Department and lead the Department to fulfil the vision and mission of the University in accordance with the University’s Strategic Plan;
- (2) Lead and manage the Department within the University’s faculty structure;
- (3) Inspire faculty/staff to deliver ambitious academic development programmes which significantly enhance the experience of students and reinforce the University’s academic position;
- (4) Shape and implement a structure that promotes high standards of research, knowledge transfer and student learning at local and international levels;
- (5) Act as a major liaison between the University and the external community.

The Person

Qualifications and Experience:

We are looking for an individual who holds a veterinary degree and a doctorate (Ph.D.) and has demonstrated leadership skills, and a distinguished record in teaching, research and scholarship, and service. The person should have demonstrated outstanding management effectiveness in a veterinary academic environment, and strong communication and networking skills to build and nurture internal and external contacts to the benefit of the Department. Candidates from non-veterinary backgrounds but with a track record in one of the focus areas (Comparative Medicine, Animal Welfare, Infectious Diseases, Public Health) will also be considered.

Competencies and Personal Characteristics:

- (1) Strong professional stature that would command the respect of faculty members, community stakeholders, professional bodies and government advisory bodies;
- (2) Ability to attract, motivate and retain distinguished faculty members;
- (3) Outstanding management effectiveness and commitment to teamwork;
- (4) Strong communication and networking skills to build and nurture internal and external contacts to the benefit of the Department, College and the University.

Salary and Conditions of Service

The appointee will be offered appointment to an academic rank commensurate with qualifications and experience. The headship appointment will be on a concurrent basis for an initial period of about three years. An attractive remuneration package, driven by market competitiveness and individual performance, will be offered. Excellent fringe benefits include gratuity, leave, medical and dental schemes, and relocation assistance (where applicable).

Application and Information

Further information on the post and the University is available at <http://www.cityu.edu.hk>.

The University is being represented in this search by Heidrick & Struggles Hong Kong Limited. Please send the nomination or application with a current curriculum vitae to "cityu-idph@heidrick.com". **The screening process will continue until the position is filled.** The University's privacy policy is available on the homepage.

Candidates are requested to supply a publication list, where appropriate, in the following manner:

- (1) List of publications under the following headings and in chronological order - books, book chapters, journal articles, conference proceedings, reports, letters or short communications. Please also list the order of authors as they appear and the percentage of contribution in such publications.
- (2) Highlight the most recent five papers or five papers containing the candidate's most significant work in the publication list with asterisks. Published reviews or citations of the work may also be provided in support of its significance.

Candidates selected for the final interview may be invited to visit the University.

City University of Hong Kong is an equal opportunity employer and we are committed to the principle of diversity.