

Tenure Track Assistant Professorship in Small Animal Surgery

100 %

Effective January 1, 2026

The **Department of Clinical Veterinary Science** at the Vetsuisse Faculty, University of Bern, invites applications for a Tenure Track Assistant Professorship in Small Animal Surgery (100%).

Key Responsibilities

- *Clinical Service:* Provide clinical care for small animals and actively contribute to the day-to-day operations of the small animal surgery unit; active participation in the emergency service system for small animal surgery (back-up)
- *Undergraduate Teaching:* Deliver lectures, practical courses, and seminars in small animal surgery
- *Resident Supervision:* Guide and mentor ECVS residents
- *Research:* Lead and implement own research projects in Small Animal Surgery
- *Supervision:* Oversee PhD, Dr.med.vet., and master's students in their research projects
- *Leadership:* This position includes the role of Small Animal Surgery section Deputy Head

Requirements

- Master Degree in Veterinary Medicine
- Diploma from the European College of Veterinary Surgeons (ECVS) or the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS)
- PhD or equivalent scientific qualification, demonstrating internationally recognized research activity in the field of Small Animal Surgery
- Significant clinical experience, preferably with a focus on orthopedic surgery
- Fluency in English, preferably also German and/or French, or commitment to learn them for teaching and client communication

Evaluation Criteria

- Clinical experience
- Experience in academic teaching
- Quality of research output
- Amount of acquired external funding
- Contributions to academic committees and professional activities

We offer

- Initial term: 4 years
- Extension: Possible for 2 years following a positive evaluation
- Promotion: Eligible for promotion to a permanent professorship within 4–6 years, dependent on meeting the qualification criteria, determined by the regulations of the Vetsuisse Faculty Bern

The University of Bern is committed to promoting gender equality in research and teaching and encourages qualified female candidates to apply. The University offers various work-life balance services, including childcare, partner support, and job-sharing opportunities (www.vereinbarkeit.unibe.ch). Applicants interested in job-sharing should submit a cooperation plan.

Application Instructions

Please submit the following documents as a single PDF file by **May 30, 2025**:

- Motivation Letter

- Curriculum Vitae
- Relevant Certificates and Diplomas
- List of Publications (highlighting the three most relevant publications)
- Teaching Experience and External Funding Acquired
- Details of Previous Professional Activities and participation in Academic Committees
- Any other supporting documents

Applications should be sent to:

Dean's office, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Bern

Email: faculty.vetsuisse@unibe.ch

For further information, please contact the co-chairs of the search committee:

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