

MSc Position – Rimouski Campus

Project title

Assessment of calf welfare at the herd level integrating economic aspects

Project description

Calf welfare remains a concern on dairy farms in Quebec, and specialists have formulated recommendations to improve the quality of life of these animals. However, despite the numerous recommendations, they involve costs that are a major concern for producers. This project aims to evaluate the welfare of pre-weaned dairy calves at the herd level and to identify priorities in order to improve the quality of life of these animals and support producers in their decision-making process.

Main responsibilities

- Literature review;
 - Farm visits and data collection;
 - Data organization and analysis ;
 - Scientific presentations;
 - Writing of scientific articles, and outreach materials.
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Work location

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Université de Montréal

Rimouski Campus, Québec, Canada

Université de Montréal offers a stimulating academic environment conducive to high-quality research. The Rimouski campus, located on the shores of the St. Lawrence River in the Bas-Saint-Laurent region, stands out for its close connection to nature and an environment that promotes a high quality of life.

Candidate profile

- Bachelor's degree in veterinary medicine or another discipline relevant to the project;
- Interest in epidemiology;
- Interest in calf welfare;
- Languages: English or French (or an interest in learning French).

We are seeking a motivated candidate who wishes to develop as a researcher, with a focus on high-quality scientific output.

International applications are welcome.

Funding

- Annual funding: CAD \$25,000 in the first year
 - Possibility of obtaining additional scholarships
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Application process

Please send your application by email to:

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Required documents:

- Curriculum vitae
 - Cover letter
 - Academic transcripts
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Supervision

Supervisor: Dr. Jean Silva Ramos, DVM, MSc, PhD

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Start date

September 2026 (flexible)