

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff  
**Extension Associate (Fish Health) Lonoke**  
**Department of Aquaculture and Fisheries**

**Appointment:** Twelve-month (100% Extension)

**Description:** The Aquaculture/Fisheries Center at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) has an opening for an Extension Associate (Fish Health) in the UAPB Fish Health Certification Laboratory in Lonoke, Arkansas. The aquaculture industry in Arkansas is the second largest in the United States and is one of the most diverse. Commercial fish farms in Arkansas raise catfish, baitfish, goldfish, sportfish fingerlings, hybrid striped bass, largemouth bass raised as food fish, and fish sold as bio-control agents.

**Duties and Responsibilities:** The Extension Research Associate works under the supervision of the Director and Assistant Director of the Fish Health Inspection Laboratory. Job duties include: Provide vital laboratory support for inspections following APHIS approved protocols and field support for research and analyze the data and report writing. Schedules inspections for certification, maintains laboratory inventory, supplies and operations. Perform the appropriate diagnostic tests, documentation of results, maintain cell cultures, conduct PCR analyses and maintain associated equipment. Maintain case records for inspection/ diagnostic and water quality cases received in the lab. Preference will be given to applicants who have worked in an APHIS approved laboratory.

**Qualifications:** M.S. in biotechnology, microbiology, fish health, or a similar field. Two years of experience in a laboratory associated with cell culture and molecular biology and field work is preferred. Must have superior organizational skills with attention to detail, the ability to perform multiple tasks simultaneously and accurately, and be able to adjust rapidly to shifting priorities and variable workloads. Must have a track record of reliability and be able to work independently in a clean room environment using good aseptic technique. Applicant must be willing and able to work a flexible work schedule to meet laboratory demands including evenings and some weekends. Ability to work independently and as part of a team. Good oral and written communication skills are a must. Applicant must possess AFS-FHS certification as an Aquatic Animal Health Inspector, or obtain certification as soon as possible (within 18 months of hire). For details visit: <https://units.fisheries.org/fhs/certification/aquatic-animal-health-inspector/>

**Salary/Fringe benefits:** Commensurate with qualifications and experience. Group health, life and disability insurance; retirement; social security; workers compensation, paid holidays, vacation and sick leave, tuition discounts for employee, spouse and children.

**To Apply:** A letter of application, resume, official transcripts, and 3 letters of reference should be sent to:

Search Committee for Extension Research Associate (Fish Health - Lonoke)  
c/o Human Resources Department  
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff  
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Mail Slot 4942  
Pine Bluff, AR 71601  
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**Closing Date: Applications will be reviewed upon receipt, but should be submitted no later than March 31, 2020.**

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