It is U of I policy to prohibit and eliminate discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation and gender identity/expression, age, disability, or status as a Vietnam-era veteran. This policy applies to all programs, services, and facilities, and includes, but is not limited to, applications, admissions, access to programs and services, and employment.
SUMMARY

History of the Program

The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at U of I has responsibility for veterinary medical education in Idaho in partnership with the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine. The Idaho Veterinary Medical Education Program continues to evolve in order to provide students with greater access to large animal veterinary education. The partnership with Washington State University now extends to Utah and Montana, creating WIMU, the Washington-Idaho-Montana-Utah veterinary medical program. This distributed model utilizes College of Agricultural and Life Sciences herds and flocks around the state to enhance the educational experience of the food animal rotations.

Services Provided

The Idaho Veterinary Medical Education Program, in partnership with Washington-Idaho-Montana-Utah (WIMU), transfers science-based medical information and technology concerning animal well-being, zoonotic diseases, food safety, and related environmental issues – through education, research, public service, and outreach – to veterinary students, veterinarians, animal owners, and the public, thereby effecting positive change in the livelihood of the people of Idaho and the region.

Recent Accomplishments

- The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences recently hired a new small ruminant veterinarian located in Moscow. She will use the flock on campus and the sheep at the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station in Dubois for her teaching program.

- The State of Idaho benefits from the Washington-Idaho-Montana-Utah veterinary medical program appropriation with 6-7 new veterinarians taking positions within Idaho annually upon graduation.

Short-term and Long-term Critical Needs/Goals

The Veterinary Medical Education Program has considerable potential for interaction with the Idaho Center for Agriculture, Food and the Environment on topics like herd health and dissemination of embryo transfer and quantitative genetic technologies. A long-term need is for two additional veterinary faculty serving primarily at the Idaho CAFE facility.
STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Idaho Code § 67-2328. JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS: (a) Any power, privilege or authority, authorized by the Idaho Constitution, statute or charter, held by the state of Idaho or a public agency of said state, may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with the state of Idaho or any other public agency of this state having the same powers, privilege or authority; but never beyond the limitation of such powers, privileges or authority; and the state or public agency of the state, may exercise such powers, privileges and authority jointly with the United States, any other state, or public agency of any of them, to the extent that the laws of the United States or sister state, grant similar powers, privileges or authority, to the United States and its public agencies, or to the sister state and its public agencies; and provided the laws of the United States or a sister state allow such exercise of joint power, privilege or authority. (b) Any state or public agency may enter into agreements with one another for joint or cooperative action which includes, but is not limited to, joint use, ownership and/or operation agreements pursuant to the provisions of this act...

Idaho Code § 33-3720, Professional Studies Program, authorizes the State Board of Education to enter into contract agreements to provide access for Idaho residents to qualified professional studies programs, including the Washington-Idaho-Montana-Utah (formerly WOI) Veterinary Medical Education Program [33-3717B (7)]. The original Tri-State [Washington-Oregon-Idaho (WOI)] Veterinary Education Program was authorized by the Idaho Legislature in 1973. Oregon dropped out of the tri-state program in 2005 but Utah and Montana joined with the University of Idaho and Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine to form the Washington-Idaho-Montana-Utah (WIMU) veterinary education program. The Caine Veterinary Teaching Center (Caine Center) at Caldwell opened in 1977 served as the Idaho component of the W-I Program until closure in 2018 due to lack of animal referrals. A new distributed model of veterinary education was implemented to utilize University of Idaho animal resources better and to partner with the United States Sheep Experiment Station in Dubois for delivery of training.

Idaho Code § 67-1903. Strategic Planning: Requires that each agency develop and submit annually a comprehensive Strategic Plan.

Idaho Code § 67-1904. Performance Measurement: Requires that each agency prepare and submit an annual performance report, comprised of a) basic profile information for the prior four fiscal years, and 2) quantifiable performance measures including benchmarks or performance targets for each measure.

UI FSH Chapter One: 1240, Roles and Missions of the State Institutions of Higher Education. B-1(a). Role and Mission Statements: The University of Idaho.: The University of Idaho is a high research activity, land-grant institution committed to undergraduate and graduate-research education with extension services responsive to Idaho and the region’s business and community needs. The university is also responsible for regional medical and veterinary medical education programs in which the state of Idaho participates.
**FACILITIES INFORMATION**

**Personnel**
Moscow: Small Ruminant/Sheep Veterinarian; Beef Production Veterinarian

Caldwell (Caine Center): General Food Animal Veterinarian

Twin Falls: Dairy Production Veterinarian; Beef Production Veterinarian

*Expertise distributed between locations and at Salmon, U.S. Sheep Experiment Station (Dubois), and Rinker Rock Creek Ranch (Blaine County). See below.*