



**UNIVERSITY
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A MASTER OF SCIENCE (MSc) PROJECT
The testing of a cow comfort assessment tool
on Canadian dairy farms

Funding is available to support a thesis-based, Master of Science (MSc) student for 2 years, beginning in September, 2010 in the Department of Population Medicine at the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, Canada.

The research project will involve testing the feasibility of using scoring systems for assessing the comfort of cows on commercial dairy farms in Ontario. The student will complete coursework at the University of Guelph, and fieldwork and data collection will take place on farms around Ontario.

Preferred candidate qualifications include • A Bachelor degree in animal science, animal biology, veterinary medicine, or biological sciences, • Strong undergraduate academic performance, • High motivation for the study of animal welfare, • Knowledge of animal production, especially dairy husbandry, practical experience with cattle, and knowledge in animal welfare auditing would all be an asset, • A valid driver's license.

For further information about the academic admission requirements for graduate studies in the Department of Population Medicine at the University of Guelph, tuition costs, etc., potential applicants should contact Ms. Mary Elliot, Graduate Program Assistant, Tel: (+1) 519-824-4120, Extension 54780 or E-mail: melliot@ovc.uoguelph.ca).

The student will receive a stipend of \$17,500 (CAD) per year.

For further information about the above MSc research project or other potential research opportunities that may be available, please contact:

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