

Lactanet Canada is a producer-led organization, providing innovative dairy herd management and genetic services to more than 10,000 dairy farm customers and professional advisors throughout the country. We are a national organisation created by a partnership of Canadian Dairy Network (CDN), CanWest DHI and Valacta, providing all components of genetic evaluation, milk recording (data collection, lab analysis, data processing, etc.), herd management software and solutions, applied research and innovation, advisory services, knowledge transfer and traceability. With 500 employees across Canada, Lactanet's mission is to be the leading provider of herd management solutions and knowledge to support the development of a prosperous and sustainable Canadian dairy industry.

**The National Genetics Research Leader will develop and implement the ongoing vision and strategy for research and innovation in the area of dairy cattle genetics.**

## Responsibilities

- Lead and coordinate all research initiatives funded through the Dairy Cattle Genetics Research and Development (DairyGen) Council of Lactanet Canada, which are conducted by research scientists across Canada often involving international collaborations.
- Actively network with industry partners as well as scientists nationally and internationally to establish research priorities related to the genetic improvement of dairy cattle and encourage innovative research initiatives supported through Lactanet.
- Collaborate with the Manager, Genetic Evaluations, in the development and introduction of world-class genetic and genomic evaluation services.
- Participate in the development and realisation of various research initiatives of importance to Lactanet under the responsibility of the Manager, Innovation & Development.
- Represent the organization at various scientific conferences and other speaking opportunities.

## Requirements

- PhD in animal breeding or equivalent plus at least 5 years experience in academia and/or industry.
- Sound understanding of the theory and application of linear statistical models in both genetic and genomic evaluation.
- Self-motivated with excellent communication, leadership and networking skills, strategic thinking.
- Major assets include practical knowledge and experience of dairy cattle improvement and ability to communicate in both English and French.

Individuals interested in working for an internationally recognized genetic evaluation unit, formerly known as CDN, using state-of-the-art genetic and genomic evaluation technologies should consider this position as your opportunity. Under the new entity of Lactanet Canada, this position offers a positive teamwork environment across all areas of research and innovation and a comprehensive benefits package with a competitive salary that is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

## Apply

Please send your cover letter and resumé by email with the subject line “**National Genetics Research Leader - ON**” to [careers@lactanet.ca](mailto:careers@lactanet.ca)

*Lactanet is committed to an inclusive, equitable and accessible workplace where people are valued, respected and supported. Accommodation for applicants with disabilities is available on request. We thank all applicants for their interest and will contact those who are selected for an interview.*