Facility Vacancy Announcement

**Department:** Equine Studies  
**Position:** Assistant Professor of Equine Studies, Full-time, tenure-track, 10-month position  
**Salary:** Negotiable within the range established in the Collective Bargaining Agreement ($40,000 to $56,000)  
**Union Affiliation:** MEA/MFT  
**Posting Date:** June 4, 2015  
**Start Date:** August 1, 2015

**Description**  
The successful candidate will teach undergraduate courses in equine studies and possibly other related areas. Courses may include general equine studies, basic horse care, nutrition and equine facility management. Faculty workload includes teaching, advising, scholarly activities, committee /other professional service and supervision of students in practical settings such as internships. The University of Montana Western recently adopted the following mission statement:

*The University of Montana Western differentiates itself and achieves academic excellence by sustaining a culture of concentrated experiential education*

All Montana Western faculty are therefore expected to create experiential learning environments where students take an active role in their own learning.

**Qualifications**  
The successful candidate will hold an earned doctoral degree in an equine studies discipline or veterinary medicine. They will have demonstrated the ability to work collegially with others and evidence or potential of scholarly work. Strong candidates with a master’s degree may be considered for initial appointment at the non-tenure-track instructor level with possible conversion to a tenure-track position after completion of the doctorate. Experience teaching at the college level and a background in equine activities is desirable.

**Application**  
Application materials should include a letter of interest, a *curriculum vitae*, copies of all graduate or professional level transcripts, and names and contact information for at least 4 professional references. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Application materials should be sent to:

Ms. Donna Rouse  
Equine faculty search  
The University of Montana Western  
710 S. Atlantic Street  
Dillon, MT 59725

Electronic applications will also be accepted. They must be sent as a single file of no greater than 10 MB size or 20 pages in length to: donna.rouse@umwestern.edu
The University and Dillon Area

The University of Montana Western, located in Dillon, Montana is an innovative institution nestled in a scenic valley in the Rocky Mountains of southwestern Montana. The current campus student headcount is 1,447 and the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) for student enrollment is approximately 1,392.

Montana Western has over 60 full-time faculty members, features small classes for all students and has been recognized for excellence by U.S. News and World Report. Montana Western’s small size and focus on education innovation have earned it the reputation of being a place where faculty and staff chose to collegially and creatively make a difference in the education of students. Experience One provides the opportunity for excellent faculty to thrive. Montana Western faculty members have won five consecutive prestigious CASE/Carnegie Professor of the Year awards, including one U.S. Professor of the Year and four, nationally selected, Montana Professors of the Year. These were the last five CASE awards granted to any faculty members in the state of Montana. Montana Western is the first and only public four-year college in the nation to use block scheduling in which students take a single class at a time. This immersion learning program facilitates increased opportunities for experiential types of learning.

Dillon, a community of 5,000 people, is known for outstanding public schools, safe environments, recreational opportunities and an excellent quality of life.

The University of Montana Western is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and encourages applications from qualified women, minorities, veterans and people with disabilities. Qualified candidates may request veterans, or disabilities preference in accordance with state law. Reasonable accommodations are provided in the hiring process for persons with disabilities. Finalists for this position will be subject to a criminal background investigation.