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McGahan Named Head of Molecular Biomedical Sciences Department

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Dr. Christine McGahan has been appointed head of the Department of Molecular Biomedical Sciences (MBS) at North Carolina State University's College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM). McGahan, a professor of pharmacology, had been serving as interim department head since April 1, 2004.

"We are pleased to announce that Dr. McGahan will continue to lead the Department of Molecular Biomedical Sciences," said Dr. Warwick Arden, dean of the CVM. "She has done an excellent job in managing the resources and the direction of the MBS department in her interim capacity. Her combination of administrative skill, research expertise, and appreciation of the role molecular biomedical sciences plays in the future of the college makes her a natural choice as department head."



Dr. Christine McGahan

Dr. McGahan joined the CVM in 1983. Her research involves understanding the causes of cataract formation in animals and humans. She has had research support from the National Institutes of Health and National Eye Institute for 23 years.

As head of the Department of Molecular Biomedical Sciences, one of three CVM departments, McGahan will lead 34 [faculty](#) members who have a diversity of responsibilities including clinical service in the teaching hospital, basic and clinical research, and teaching in both the professional veterinary curriculum and in a number of different Ph.D. programs,

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including comparative biomedical sciences, immunology, physiology, toxicology, microbiology and functional genomics. Numerous MBS research projects provide CVM students the opportunity to participate in investigations that have direct benefits to veterinary medicine and human medicine.

The MBS department is housed in both the main CVM building and in the recently dedicated CVM Research Building, which contains 33 state-of-the-art laboratories, two BioSafety Level 3 labs, 75 offices, seven conference rooms, and a vivarium that annually will house some 16,000 rodents. The four-story facility reflects the growing emphasis at NC State University on genomic science and biomedical research, particularly in animal and human health care.

McGahan received a doctorate in pharmacology from Mount Sinai School of Medicine at the City University of New York and did post-doctoral work at the Harkness Eye Institute at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

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