

The cardiology service of the University of Georgia (UGA) welcomes applications for a 3-year residency in veterinary cardiology. Constructed to meet requirements set by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) Specialty of Cardiology, the goal of the program is board certification and diplomate status within the ACVIM. Candidates must be highly motivated and have completed a one-year rotating internship or have comparable private practice experience.

The University of Georgia's College of Veterinary Medicine is located in Athens, Georgia, a community of approximately 125,000 residents located 65 miles northeast of Atlanta. Our new (as of 2015) 187,000 square foot state-of-the-art Veterinary Teaching Hospital features cutting edge technology and green space. The Small Animal Veterinary Teaching Hospital has an average annual caseload of approximately 27,000 patients.

The UGA cardiology service is comprised of two board-certified cardiologists (Drs. Mandy Coleman and Lauren Markovic), three cardiology residents, two dedicated cardiology technicians, and one veterinary assistant. We are well-equipped with a Philips iE33 cardiac ultrasound machine including transthoracic and transesophageal transducers, a Philips CX50 portable ultrasound machine, a Philips TC70 electrocardiograph, a GE/OEC 9900 fluoroscopy unit, an EMKA hemodynamic monitoring system, and Spacelabs Pathfinder Holter monitoring software for on-site study interpretation. Additional on-site diagnostic imaging technologies include Siemens RS Somatom Sensation 64-slice CT scanner, Siemens Magnetom Skyra 3.0 Tesla cardiac-gated MRI, digital radiography, ultrasound, and nuclear scintigraphy. An interventional laboratory, well-equipped for both small and large animal transcatheter interventions, is also on-site in the new Veterinary Teaching Hospital (built in 2015). Diplomates in the specialties of anesthesiology, emergency medicine and critical care, internal medicine, nutrition, neurology, oncology, pathology, surgery, ophthalmology, radiology, theriogenology, and zoological medicine provide additional direct support of this program. In addition, relationships with surrounding pediatric and adult cardiology groups and industry provide support for a growing interventional caseload, enabling our team to offer cutting-edge transcatheter intervention.

The cardiology service is located within the small animal hospital, and the vast majority of cardiac evaluations are performed on dogs and cats. Smaller numbers of large animals and exotic pets are examined. A typical day on the cardiology service includes between four and six outpatient appointments, with additional appointments added on an as-needed basis, and in-house consultations performed for other services. One day per week is dedicated for interventional procedures, and space is cleared within the schedule for emergent small and large animal interventional cases as they arise.

The cardiology resident will have primary case responsibility as a member of the cardiology service. Clinical duties will be conducted under the supervision of a cardiologist and include diagnosing and treating companion animals with heart disease, managing interventional cardiology cases, communicating directly with clients, assisting with consultations for clinicians from other hospital services, and contributing to the education of senior veterinary students and interns in the teaching hospital. While the cardiology resident will not have general emergency responsibilities, providing back-up for house officers managing patients of the cardiology service presented after-hours on emergency is expected. This duty is shared by all cardiology residents.

Off-clinic time will be allocated for research endeavors, collaborative writing of scientific manuscripts, as well as attending and participating in continuing education. Our residents participate in the didactic teaching of pre-clinical veterinary students, and also participate and/or lead daily clinic rounds, weekly book club, weekly journal club, weekly multi-specialty house officer board preparation rounds, and weekly hospital-wide grand rounds. Cardiology faculty provide monthly advanced topic rounds, designed to prepare residents for board examination. Cardiology residents will gain exposure to congenital and acquired cardiopathology during advanced teaching laboratory utilizing UGA's cardiovascular library of cadaveric hearts. Residents are expected to present at grand rounds once yearly and at multi-specialty board preparation rounds twice yearly. Residents are also expected to submit one first-author manuscript for publication in a scientific journal prior to completion of this

program.

VACATION, COMPENSATION, FEES, AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

For every 12 months of training, 10 days of vacation time are provided for residents, as well as up to 12 days of sick leave. The Veterinary Teaching Hospital provides each resident with \$2,000 each year to offset professional dues and expenses associated with travel to a professional meeting. Current resident salary is \$31,364 for the first year, \$32,395 for the second year, and \$33,504 for the third year. This is a non-certificate graduate program, leading to an official University certificate of completion. A one-time application fee of \$75 (\$100 for international students) and tuition and student fees (approximately \$3000/year) are the responsibility of the individual selected for the program. Required fees allow access to the Ramsey Student Activities Center (sports complex) and Gilbert Student Health Center, as well as access to student tickets for athletic and cultural events. Parking fees (up to \$240/year currently) are an additional expense.

Proof of medical insurance coverage and proof of immunization for measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, tetanus, hepatitis B, and rabies are required. Health insurance is the responsibility of the individual. Medical insurance is available through the Graduate School at a reasonable rate, but may be waived if proof of other coverage is provided. Coverage through the Graduate School will be available beginning August 1, 2021. Please visit the following website for additional information regarding health insurance fees <https://hr.uga.edu/students/student-health-insurance/>.

International applicants are required to provide two official, certified copies of their academic records from each institution of higher education attended. These records must include all course work. Photocopies are not acceptable. Separate proof of degree(s) is also required. All graduates of veterinary colleges not within the United States or Canada are considered international applicants regardless of citizenship. If the original language of the academic record is not English, a certified English translation must be attached to the original. Candidates must be fluent in written and spoken English. International graduates whose primary language is not English MUST provide TOEFL scores (see <http://www.toefl.org> for details), AND the scores must not be more than two years old. International applicants who have completed year of academic study in the US can provide a university transcript in lieu of TOEFL scores.

It is crucial that international candidates consider application processing times well ahead of the program start date. Please note that it may take up to 10 days to obtain a social security number. Information about this process can be found at [http://issis.uga.edu/docs/Student Section/Obtaining a Social Security Number.pdf](http://issis.uga.edu/docs/Student%20Section/Obtaining%20a%20Social%20Security%20Number.pdf). A social security number is required in order to apply for a Georgia veterinary faculty license, and it may take up to 30 additional days to receive this license. More detailed information for international candidates is available through the Office of International Education (<http://international.uga.edu/oie>).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Full consideration will be given to candidates who submit a completed application packet by the VIRMP deadline of January 11, 2021. Subsequently, applications will be reviewed and offers for virtual interviews will be extended during the week of January 18, 2021. Out of an abundance of caution and concern for the health of candidates and UGA staff, all offered interviews will occur via videoconferencing during this match cycle. In-person interviews will not be permitted.

The successful candidate will be licensed to practice by virtue of a faculty license. The faculty license permits veterinarians from non-AVMA (American Veterinary Medical Association) accredited vet schools to practice within the graduate programs of UGA and satellite institutions, and may be obtained without examination.

Residents at the University of Georgia are classified as graduate students, and thus for the purpose of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program are not considered to be full time employees. Please consider this information if you plan to participate in the Public Service Loan Forgiveness or other loan repayment programs.

The start date for this residency will be July 15, 2021. Please refer to the Department of Small Animal and Medicine website for further information (<https://vet.uga.edu/education/academic-departments/small-animal-medicine-and-surgery/>).

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