

The surgery residency at the University of Georgia is a 3-year program fulfilling the requirements for board eligibility as defined by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. The program's goals are to develop the resident's expertise in small animal surgery, prepare the resident for board certification by the ACVS, and give each individual a solid understanding of scientific design and fundamentals of research. Training is under the direction of 4 supervising and 2 supporting diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Surgery, as well as 2 board-eligible surgeons.

Approximately three-quarters of each year are spent in the Teaching Hospital for clinical training. Faculty members take pride in their active involvement in the Teaching Hospital when on duty. Clinical rotations are assigned in 3-week blocks. The remaining one-quarter of each year is spent in research or specialty training required by the ACVS.

This is a non-degree graduate program, leading to an official University certificate of residency. A one-time application fee of \$75 (\$100 for international students), a one-time matriculation fee to the ACVS (\$465 for 2017, subject to change by the ACVS in future years), and tuition and student fees (approximately \$3,000/year) are the responsibility of the individual selected for the program. For every 12 months of training, 10 days of vacation time are provided for residents, as well as 12 days of sick leave.

The beginning annual stipend is \$32,631. Proof of medical insurance coverage and proof of immunization for measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, tetanus, hepatitis B, and rabies are required. Parking fees (up to \$240/year currently) and health insurance are the responsibility of the individual. Health insurance is offered through the UGA Graduate School at a reasonable rate. This coverage will be available beginning August 1, 2021. Each resident is responsible for securing his/her own health insurance that is effective through July 31, 2021.

Candidates must obtain a license to practice veterinary medicine in Georgia. A faculty license, which enables the license holder to practice in the Teaching Hospital only, may be obtained by application but without examination. The Georgia State Board examination for a Georgia license requires that the resident be a graduate of an accredited institution or completed requirements of the ECFVG program.

International applicants are required to provide 2 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. Foreign 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 2 years old. Foreign applicants who have completed 1 year of academic study in the US can provide a university transcript in lieu of TOEFL scores. Foreign applicants must also consider application and processing time for visas well ahead of the start date. Foreign applicants are responsible for paying a mandatory health insurance fee through the graduate school <https://hr.uga.edu/students/student-health-insurance/>. Offers to international applicants are contingent upon successful application for the appropriate visa.

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Please refer to the Department's website <https://vet.uga.edu/education/academic-departments/small-animal-medicine-and-surgery/> for further information on this program.

Based on a review of the application package and letters of recommendation, applicants will be notified by email if they are selected for an interview. For those selected, telephone, or video interview

will be highly recommended to be included in the final institutional rank. On-site interviews will not be offered.

The residency start date will be July 15, 2021.

For questions concerning the program, please e-mail:

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