

ECC Residency

This three-year training program in small animal emergency and critical care medicine provides exposure to a wide variety of cases within a new (as of March 2015), state-of-the-art hospital. Instruction in the disciplines necessary for completion of ACVECC training requirements is provided through clinical rotations. Under the supervision of boarded faculty, the residents manage primary and referral emergency and ICU cases, as well as teach interns and veterinary students. The annual caseload of the ECC Service is over 4000 cases and has been increasing steadily over the last several years. The program will prepare the resident for the certifying examination of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care.

Each resident spends approximately 3/4 of each year in the Teaching Hospital concentrating on clinical training. The remaining time is allocated for research endeavors, writing publications and case reports, attending and participating in continuing education, and participating in didactic and laboratory teaching of preclinical veterinary students. Residents participate in daily clinic rounds, weekly Grand Rounds, weekly ECC resident rounds/journal club, weekly cross-specialty board review sessions, and present Grand Rounds once yearly. Residents are expected to complete a research project and prepare one first author manuscript for publication during their residency.

Training is under the direction of the Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery. The small animal ECC faculty currently includes one double-boarded ACVECC/ACVIM (SAIM) Diplomate, one double-boarded ACVECC/ACVA Diplomate, and one ACVECC Diplomate. A search for a fourth ECC faculty is currently underway. A second ACVECC/ACVA Diplomate in small animal and two large animal ACVS Diplomates (one ACVECC, one ECC residency trained) also participate in resident training. Additionally, Diplomates in the specialties of Anesthesia, Surgery, Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Oncology, Neurology, Imaging, Zoological Medicine, Ophthalmology, and Pathology directly support the program.

This is a non-degree graduate program, leading to an official University certificate of residency. The current beginning annual stipend is \$30,450. For every 12 months of training, 10 days of vacation time are provided for residents, as well as 12 days of sick leave. Although there are no state funds to support resident or faculty travel, the Veterinary Teaching Hospital provides each resident with \$2,000 each year to offset professional dues and expenses associated with travel to one professional meeting annually.

A one-time application fee of \$75 (\$100 for international students) and tuition and student fees (approximately \$3,000/year) are the responsibility of the individual selected for the program. The 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 offered through the UGA Graduate School at a reasonable rate. This coverage will be available beginning August 1, 2017. Each resident is responsible for securing his/her own health insurance. Please visit the following website for additional information regarding insurance fees (<http://www.hr.uga.edu/student-health-insurance>).

The successful candidate will be licensed to practice by virtue of a faculty license. This license permits veterinarians from non-AVMA-accredited veterinary schools to practice within UGA graduate programs, and may be obtained without examination. Whereas the regular Georgia state veterinary license requires graduation from an AVMA-accredited veterinary school or successful completion of the ECFVG program, this is not a requirement for the faculty license. A faculty license enables the license holder to practice only in the UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Professional liability insurance is covered only for work performed at the Teaching Hospital; it is the resident's responsibility to acquire professional liability insurance for work performed elsewhere, if necessary.

Successful international applicants are required to provide two official/certified copies of their academic records from each institution of higher education that the applicant has 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 outside of the United States and 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 where the primary language is not English must provide TOEFL scores; (see<http://www.toefl.org> for details). These scores must not be more than two years old. Foreign applicants who have completed a 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 athttp://issis.uga.edu/docs/Student_Section/Obtaining_a_Social_Security_Number.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>).

The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, or protected veteran status.

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.

Do not send any application directly to the University of Georgia.

Please write to the Department for further information on this program or refer to the Department's website (<http://www.vet.uga.edu/SAMS>). Interview dates are available; however, a personal, on site interview is not required for admission to this program.

For further description of the program, please write:

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