

ECC Specialty Internship

This one-year internship in small animal emergency and critical care medicine provides exposure to a large number of cases within a new (as of March 2015), state-of-the-art hospital. This program is designed for an individual who has already completed a rotating internship. The caseload is composed of dogs, cats, and occasional exotic animals and wildlife presented as emergencies. The schedule primarily includes swing shift and weekend emergency receiving with one three-week block of overnights for the year. Option for a non-ECC block is also available. More than half of the intern's shifts occur under the direct supervision of board certified faculty. The intern is responsible for triage, stabilization, and diagnostics and therapy of both referral and first opinion emergency cases. The ECC intern will also assist rotating interns with receiving and caring for patients presenting to the emergency service. The intern is responsible for communicating with clients and referring veterinarians. The intern will help teach principles of emergency medicine to fourth-year veterinary students pursuing the clinical emergency medicine rotation. The intern also assists with monitoring critical ICU patients, some anesthetic recoveries, and serving as a resource for the technical staff. The annual caseload of the ECC Service is over 4000 cases.

The ECC intern participates in daily clinic rounds and weekly ECC intern rounds/journal club/board review sessions. The ECC intern is also encouraged to participate in weekly Grand Rounds and other rounds at the University of Georgia, and the intern will present one seminar at Grand Rounds during the year. The intern is also encouraged to complete a research project and first author manuscript for publication. This is a non-degree graduate program leading to an official University certificate of internship.

The current annual stipend is \$27,756. For every 12 months of training, 10 days of vacation time are provided for interns, as well as 12 days of sick leave. 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 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, 2017. Each intern 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 specialty intern'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 degrees 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. Applicants who graduated from a non-English-language veterinary school must submit official 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 at http://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.

Specialty interns 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 applications 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>). An on-site interview is not required for admission to this program.

For further description of the program, please write:

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