

Neuro Residency

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The neurology residency at the University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine is based on the guidelines of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) Specialty of Neurology. Upon completion of the program, the resident will be eligible to submit credentials for examination and certification in neurology by ACVIM. The neurology/neurosurgery residency program at the University of Georgia is a three-year certificate program. The position will afford the resident the opportunity to gain valuable clinical experience and acquire diagnostic skills in a wide variety of areas within neurology and neurosurgery. The residency is in large part a clinically oriented program, with opportunity to participate in clinical and basic science research.

The Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery has a busy service in neurology and neurosurgery. Job responsibilities include both primary care as well as assisting faculty and other house officers with medical and surgical neurology cases. The resident will work under the guidance of the faculty. The resident will help facilitate the admission of cases, the performance of diagnostic tests, including advanced imaging, and the treatment of the patients. The diagnostic equipment available to the neurology service includes state-of-the-art imaging (64 slice CT unit, and 3.0 T MRI unit) and electrophysiology equipment. Dedicated journal clubs, didactic rounds, and instruction in clinicopathologic and histologic evaluations of the nervous system are part of the residency training.

Other responsibilities include instruction of fourth-year veterinary students on the neurology service, participation in informal topic discussions, and presentation of seminars to the faculty, house officers, and veterinary students.

This residency is under the direct supervision of faculty members who are board certified in neurology. There are currently three faculty members and three residents in neurology. Opportunity exists to gain experience with exotic and large animal patients. There are general rotating interns who cover primary emergency duties. Residents provide backup.

A one-time graduate school application fee of \$75, as well as tuition (\$25/semester) and student fees (approximately \$3,000/year), are the responsibility of the resident; some fees are optional, such as those for access to the Ramsey Student Activities Center (sports complex), the Gilbert Student Health Center, and student tickets for athletic and cultural events.

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.

Current resident salary is \$30,450 for the first year, \$31,451 for the second year, and \$32,528 for the third year. For each year of training, 10 days of vacation time are provided. 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.

REQUIREMENTS

Parking fees (currently \$240/year) and health insurance are the financial responsibility of the individual. Proof of medical insurance coverage and proof of immunization for measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, tetanus, hepatitis B, and rabies are required. 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, 2017. Please visit the following website for additional information regarding health 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.

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. 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 that 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>).

Offers to international applicants are contingent upon successful application for the appropriate visa.

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The residency start date will be July 15, 2017.

Please write to the Department for further information on this program or refer to the Department's website (<http://www.vet.uga.edu/SAMS>).

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