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| House Officer Type: | Residency | | |
| Service Line: | Diagnostic Imaging | | |
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| Additional information for SAMS Admin: | UGA funded Diagnostic Imaging residency | | |
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| **University of Georgia Residency in Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging**  The Diagnostic Imaging Program at the University of Georgia welcomes applications for a 3-year residency training program in veterinary diagnostic imaging. This residency provides non-degree, advanced clinical training in veterinary diagnostic imaging and the opportunity to gain experience in all areas of diagnostic imaging. The program prepares veterinarians for board certification in the American College of Veterinary Radiology (ACVR). Candidates must be highly motivated and have previously completed a one-year rotating internship or its equivalent broad-based clinical experience.  The University of Georgia’s College of Veterinary Medicine is located in Athens, Georgia. Athens is a community of approximately 130,000 residents located 65 miles northeast of Atlanta. The College’s Hospital annual caseload is approximately 33,000, with the Diagnostic Imaging Service seeing over 18,000 cases/year. Our 187,000 square foot state-of-the-art Veterinary Teaching Hospital opened in 2015 and features cutting edge technology and green space.  The Diagnostic Imaging Service at UGA includes 1 ACVR board certified radiologist, 1 ACVR and ACVR-EDI board-certified radiologist, Vet-CT acting as a supervising diplomate, 1 ACVR board certified radiation oncologist, 3 diagnostic imaging residents, 1 registered veterinary technician specialist in diagnostic imaging (VTS-DI), 6 registered veterinary technicians, and 2 veterinary assistants.  Diagnostic Imaging is equipped with 3 small animal radiograph suites, 1 large animal suite supported with digital radiography (Cannon DR), an additional small animal radiograph suite with flat-panel fluoroscopy, a dedicated interventional radiology suite with an OEC 9800 c-arm, 2 small animal ultrasonography suites (Cannon Aplio i700, Toshiba Xario), a large animal ultrasonography suite (GE Logiq S8), Siemens Somatom Sensation 64 slice CT, 3T Siemens Skyra MRI, and nuclear scintigraphy. MRI, CT, nuclear scintigraphy, and IR are accessible to small and large animals. Radiology services also support a linear accelerator (Trilogy). All diagnostic imaging studies are performed and interpreted under the supervision of ACVR diplomates, who support and guide the residents with all modalities. UGA residents are exposed to all imaging modalities throughout the 3-year program (weekly rotating schedule).  We have a large and varied caseload and actively work closely with specialists in all veterinary specialties on site, including surgery, internal medicine, emergency and critical care, oncology, neurology, cardiology, ophthalmology, dermatology, anesthesia, interventional radiology, and zoological medicine. Residents are expected to perform after-hours emergency MRI, CT and ultrasound exams and always have a radiology faculty back-up for emergency responsibilities.  Although research is not required, it is encouraged for a resident to complete a research project during their residency.   Multiple resident teaching rounds and conferences occur weekly. Residents also participate in daily student rounds. Board objectives rounds occur twice per three week block in order to help residents prepare for board examinations. Additionally, attendance at weekly college-wide Grand Rounds Seminars is mandatory, and diagnostic imaging residents are expected to present annually. Residents spend three weeks with cardiology to help prepare for the certifying board exam.  A more detailed outline of imaging rounds is listed below:  1. Board objectives rounds are held three Mondays per month for two hours and cover all topics necessary to successfully complete the preliminary exam.  2. Journal club is held 2 times per month.  3. Known case conference (KCC) is held the first Monday of each 3-week block, led by either by the supervising faculty or Vet CT.  4. Imaging correlated pathology rounds occur once per week. In these rounds, imaging cases with definitive diagnoses are reviewed with all residents.  5. Radiobiology topics are covered in a didactic lecture given by our radiation oncologist. Residents attend the nuclear medicine short course provided by Texas A and M University every other year when offered.  6. Neuroradiology rounds are held 4 times per year to discuss imaging based neurology cases. The rounds are attended by residents and faculty from both neurology and diagnostic imaging services.  7. Residents remotely attend virtual MRI rounds with the University of Tennessee 1-2x/month. This also includes a series of didactic lectures on MRI physics and artifacts. | | | |
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| **All Applicants**  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 ECVFG program, this is not a requirement for the faculty license. A faculty license enables the license holder to practice only within the scope of the residency program. Professional liability insurance is covered only for work performed as a UGA resident; it is the resident’s responsibility to acquire professional liability insurance for work outside of the residency program.  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 required and is the financial responsibility of the individual. Medical insurance is available through the Graduate School at a reasonable rate, but may be waived if proof of coverage is provided. Coverage through the Graduate School will be available beginning August 1, 2022. Please visit the following website for additional information regarding health insurance fees <https://hr.uga.edu/students/student-health-insurance/> .  Be advised that the UGA policy will not take effect until August 1, 2022, so you will need to independently obtain health insurance to cover yourself from July 14, 2022, until August 1, 2022.  For every 12 months of training, 10 days of vacation time are provided for House Officers (Residents/Interns), as well as up to 12 days of sick leave. The intern class splits ER coverage responsibilities during the holiday break between approximately December 22, 2022 and January 3, 2023, so an additional 4-6 days of leave are provided during this time.  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. Access to student services is not accessible until the fall semester begins. Parking fees (approximately $240/year) are an additional expense and can be payroll deducted (monthly or yearly).  House Officers (Residents/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. The University of Georgia does not participate in the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. Please consider this information if you desire to participate in the Public Service Loan Forgiveness or other loan repayment programs.  **International Applicants**  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 who have completed a year of academic study in the US can provide a university transcript in lieu of TOEFL scores. A valid US driving license is required. International applicants are required to arrive three weeks prior to residency start date in order to obtain social security number, veterinary licensure, and driving license.  International students matching to our program must participate in a mandatory health insurance program provided by the University of Georgia (information can be found at: <https://hr.uga.edu/students/student-health-insurance/mandatory-plan/> ). Proof of immunization for measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, chicken pox, hepatitis and rabies is required.  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 <https://isl.uga.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2020/09/Social_Security_Office-TheBasics.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 Global Engagement (https://globalengagement.uga.edu). Offers to international applicants are contingent upon successful application for the appropriate visa.  **Additional Information**  The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status in its programs or activities.  The UGA College of Veterinary Medicine is committed to enhancing the diversity, equity and inclusion of the College and the Veterinary Profession.  Please refer to the following website which includes answers to most frequently asked questions as well as additional information about our program: <https://vet.uga.edu/education/intern-residency-programs/intern-residency-programs/>  We will conduct virtual interviews and will extend requests for interviews after the application deadline. In-person interviews will not be conducted this year. Applications MUST be complete in the VIRMP system by the VIRMP deadline to be considered. Materials processed by the VIRMP after the deadline will not be reviewed, and applications will be considered incomplete. If you have submitted all of your materials to the VIRMP by the deadline, but they have not been processed, please contact the VIRMP directly. All applications must be made through the American Association of Veterinary Clinicians Veterinary Internship and Residency Matching Program, further details available from www.virmp.org.  Please email for further information on this program or refer to the Department’s website (<https://vet.uga.edu/education/academic-departments/small-animal-medicine-and-surgery/>).  The UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital tour:  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zMIR0Ayz6ys&feature=youtu.be>. | | |