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| House Officer Type: | Residency | | |
| Service Line: | Oncology | | |
| Number of positions available for 2022: | 1 | | |
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| Additional information for SAMS Admin: | This is the Pathway Vet Alliance sponsored program. | | |
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| **University of Georgia/Pathway Vet Alliance Residency in Veterinary Oncology**  **Description of Program**  This program is a partnership between the University of Georgia and Pathway Vet Alliance. Please read the description to understand your obligation if selected for this program.  **Pathway Vet Alliance**  Pathway Vet Alliance presently owns and operates over 400 hospitals across the United States. The company’s Support Office is located in Austin, TX. Pathway was founded by Dr. Jasen Trautwein and is owned and operated by a strong team of veterinarians and allied professionals alongside a private equity partner.   On the specialty side of veterinary practice, Pathway’s present reach includes: ACCESS with four locations in the Los Angeles area; Dermatology for Animals; Eye Care for Animals; Veterinary Cancer Group in Southern California; Animal Neurology and Imaging Centers in Texas/New Mexico/Arizona/Louisiana; Veterinary Specialty Center of Seattle, Pet Emergency and Specialty Center in San Diego, Heart of Texas Specialty and Emergency Center and Pet Specialists of Austin in Austin, Tampa Bay Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Center, South Carolina Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Center as well as other locations in Chicago, New Jersey, Georgia, Colorado, Louisiana, Upstate NY, S. Florida, and Arizona.   Pathway has a Specialty Directors Board with a director in each Specialty Lane. Specialists participate across hospitals in activities promoting collaboration and community within the Pathway Team. New specialists receive support and mentoring through the strong connections established within their lane in addition to that received within the four walls of their home hospitals. Our intention at Pathway is to ensure your career development and job satisfaction so that you will stay with our Team long term.    Pathway has partnered with University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine to provide you with the best possible residency training opportunity, and we look forward to welcoming you into our growing and vibrant specialty family.   Interested candidates may contact Dr. Bob Murtaugh at [bob@pathwayvets.com](mailto:bob@pathwayvets.com) for further information about Pathway Vet Alliance and current/expected specialty breadth and opportunities.  **The University of Georgia**  The Oncology Program at the University of Georgia welcomes applications for a 3-year residency training program in veterinary oncology. This residency is sponsored by Pathway Vet Alliance (see information below) and provides non-degree, advanced clinical training in companion animal oncology and the opportunity to gain experience in clinical and basic oncologic research. The program prepares veterinarians for board certification in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM), Specialty of Oncology. 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 Small Animal Hospital annual caseload is approximately 33,000, with the Oncology Service seeing over 3,300 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 integrated oncology service at UGA includes 4 ACVIM board-certified oncologists (including one PhD in tumor biology), 1 ACVR board-certified radiation oncologist, 3 medical oncology residents (4 starting in 2022), 1 radiation oncology resident, 3 medical oncology technicians, 2 radiation oncology technicians, 1 oncology assistant, and 3 client care representatives. We have a large and varied caseload and actively participate in clinical trials. A Varian Triology® System Linear Accelerator is onsite and we offer intensity modulated radiation therapy and stereotactic radiation therapy. In addition, Sr-90 plesiotherapy is available. Chemotherapy is prepared by pharmacy technicians under the supervision of doctors of pharmacy and our facility is USP 800 compliant. Complete diagnostic imaging, clinical pathologic, and histopathologic services and facilities provide support to our service. We work closely with specialists in all veterinary specialties on site, including surgery, internal medicine, emergency and critical care, neurology, cardiology, ophthalmology, dermatology, anesthesia, diagnostic imaging, interventional radiology, anatomic and clinical pathology, nutrition, and zoological medicine.  The majority of the residency is spent as directly supervised weeks on the Oncology Service. Clinical duties are conducted under the supervision of the oncologists and include diagnosing and treating companion animals with cancer, managing radiation patients, providing consultations for doctors from other hospital services and regional general practices, and contributing to the education of senior veterinary students in the teaching hospital. While oncology residents do not have general emergency responsibilities, they are expected to provide back-up for interns managing patients of the oncology service presenting after-hours on emergency. This duty is rotated among oncology residents. Rotations through other hospital services, such as internal medicine, radiation oncology, radiology, clinical pathology, and pathology are required. In addition, residents will gain experience in chemotherapy preparation and administration under the supervision of experienced pharmacy technicians and veterinary technicians.  Time off of hospital duty will be provided to allow the resident to complete and publish a research project pertaining to oncology. This time will be tailored to the resident’s research interests. It is expected that the resident research project will be completed prior to completion of the residency. Residents are encouraged to participate in clinical trials and basic research projects are also possible. All residents will have the opportunity to work in the laboratory, regardless of pursuit of a clinical or basic research project.  Multiple resident teaching rounds and conferences occur weekly. Residents participate in daily patient and topic rounds. All-specialty ACVIM rounds, oncology resident rounds/journal club, and cytology/biopsy rounds are held weekly; oncology residents are expected to attend and participate in these rounds to expand their knowledge base and help prepare for the ACVIM board examinations. Additionally, attendance at weekly college-wide Grand Rounds Seminars is mandatory, and oncology residents are expected to present annually. Residents attend the Veterinary Cancer Society Annual Conference each year. To complete the residency requirements, residents are expected to present the results of their resident research project at the VCS Annual Conference or the ACVIM Forum.  **Additional Requirements from the Program**  SELECTED CANDIDATE WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN (prior to the start of the residency) AN AGREEMENT TO WORK AS A PATHWAY SPECIALIST FOR 3 YEARS at a mutually agreed to location following successful completion of the residency program. Interested candidates should contact Dr. Bob Murtaugh at bob@pathwayvets.com for further information. | | | |
| Questions about the program should be directed to: | | Nicole Northrup, DVM, DACVIM (Oncology) Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery College of Veterinary Medicine University of Georgia  2200 College Station Road Athens, GA 30602 |
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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>. | | |