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| Date: | 9/27/2021 | | |
| House Officer Type: | Residency | | |
| Service Line: | Surgery | | |
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| This program is a partnership between the University of Georgia (UGA) and SAGE Veterinary Centers. Your residency training would be at UGA, with employment in one of our SAGE hospitals after your residency. Thank you for considering our hospital network as a place to launch your career.  **SAGE**  SAGE Veterinary Centers operates 16 locations across the United States, and our headquarters are in the San Francisco Bay Area in Concord, CA. Our mission is to improve the lives of pets and their people through doctor-led medicine of the highest caliber. Our hospitals include specialty/ER, emergency-only, general practice, and single-specialty hospitals.  Our specialty locations are in Anchorage, AK; Concord, Campbell, Dublin, Redwood City, San Francisco, and Santa Barbara, CA; and Austin, TX. We have specialties that include anesthesiology, cardiology, internal medicine, oncology, surgery, dentistry, physical therapy, ophthalmology, dermatology, critical care, and more!  Our hospitals are known for collaboration and innovation. Doctors are encouraged to expand their knowledge and skillset to practice top quality and innovative medicine, and they have opportunities to grow even more by choosing leadership positions within their hospital and within SAGE.  SAGE doctors like working at SAGE because they can collaborate with a wide range of specialists, and they work with highly trained technical staff that have access to plentiful CE and training opportunities. We offer competitive salaries, annual CE reimbursement, options for reimbursement for advanced certification, 401(k) contributions and health/vision/dental coverage for full-time employees.  We look forward to working with the University of Georgia to provide you with a residency training opportunity. The selected candidate agrees to work for SAGE for three years following the residency. To learn more about the SAGE work obligation, contact Gina Gotsill, Director of Recruiting, at [ggotsill@sagecenters.com](mailto:ggotsill@sagecenters.com).  **University of Georgia**  The surgery residency at the University of Georgia is a three-year program fulfilling the requirements for board eligibility as defined by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS). The program's goals are to develop the resident's expertise in small animal surgery, prepare the resident for board certification by the ACVS, and give each individual a solid understanding of scientific design and the fundamentals of research. Seven supervising and two supporting diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons oversee resident training.  Approximately 75 percent of each year is spent in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital (VTH) for clinical training. The remaining 25 percent of each year is spent in research or specialty training required by the ACVS. Faculty members take pride in their active involvement in the VTH when on duty. Clinical rotations occur in three-week blocks.  This is a non-degree graduate program, leading to an official University certificate of residency. A one-time application fee of $75 ($100 for international students), a one-time matriculation fee to the ACVS ($625 for 2021), and tuition and student fees (approximately $3,000/year) are the responsibility of the individual selected for the program. Professional development funds are evaluated individually for all surgery house officers to offset professional dues and expenses associated with travel to one professional meeting annually.  Please refer to the Department's website (http://www.vet.uga.edu/SAMS) for further information on this program.  Based on a preliminary review of the application package and letters of recommendation, applicants will be notified by email if they are selected for an interview. For those selected, telephone or video interview will be highly recommended to be included in the final institutional rank. On-site interviews will not be offered. | | | |
| Questions about the program should be directed to: | | Chad Schmiedt DVM, DACVS  Surgery Residency Program Director |
| Email: | | cws@uga.edu |
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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/>  Based on a preliminary review of the application package, applicants will be notified by email if they are selected for an interview. For those selected, a virtual interview will be highly recommended to be included in the final institutional rank. On-site interviews will not be offered 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>. | | |