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| House Officer Type: | Residency | | |
| Service: | Cardiology | | |
| Number of positions available for 2023: | 1 | | |
| Additional Graduate School Program MS/PhD: | Not Applicable | | |
| Advertisement placement: | VIRMP | | |
| Additional information for SAMS Admin: | This is a Thrive Pet Healthcare-sponsored position. | | |
| Posting Description: | | | |
| **University of Georgia/Thrive Pet Healthcare Residency in Veterinary Cardiology**  This program is a partnership between the University of Georgia and Thrive Pet Healthcare. Please read the full description below to understand your obligation if selected for this program.  **Thrive Pet Healthcare**  Thrive Pet Healthcarepresently owns and operates over 400 hospitals across the United States. The company’s support office is located in Austin, TX. Thrive Pet Healthcare 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, Thrive Pet Healthcare’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.   Thrive Pet Healthcare has a specialty directors board with a director in each specialty lane. Specialists participate across hospitals in activities promoting collaboration and community within the Thrive Pet Healthcare 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 Thrive Pet Healthcare is to ensure your career development and job satisfaction so that you will stay with our Team long term.    Thrive Pet Healthcare 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. Jimmy Murphy at [jimmy.murphy@thrivepet.com](mailto:jimmy.murphy@thrivepet.com) for further information about Thrive Pet Healthcare and current/expected specialty breadth and opportunities.  **The University of Georgia**  The cardiology service of the University of Georgia (UGA) welcomes applications for a three-year residency in veterinary cardiology. This position is sponsored by Thrive Pet Healthcare (see “Important Additional Requirements” below). Constructed to meet requirements set by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) Specialty of Cardiology, the goal of the program is board certification and diplomate status within the ACVIM. Candidates must be highly motivated and have completed a one-year rotating internship or have comparable private practice experience.  The University of Georgia’s College of Veterinary Medicine is in Athens, Georgia, a community of approximately 130,000 residents located 65 miles northeast of Atlanta. Our new (as of 2015) 187,000 square foot state-of-the-art Veterinary Teaching Hospital features cutting edge technology and green space. The Small Animal Veterinary Teaching Hospital has an average annual caseload of approximately 33,000 patients.  The UGA cardiology service comprises three board-certified cardiologists (Drs. Mandy Coleman, Lauren Markovic, and Hillary Hammond), three cardiology residents, two dedicated cardiology technicians, one veterinary assistant, and three client care representatives. We are well-equipped with Philips EPIQ CVx and iE33 cardiac ultrasound machine including transthoracic and transesophageal transducers, a Philips CX50 portable ultrasound machine, a Philips TC70 electrocardiograph, a GE/OEC 9900 fluoroscopy unit, an EMKA hemodynamic monitoring system, and Spacelabs Pathfinder Holter monitoring software for on-site study interpretation. Additional on-site diagnostic imaging technologies include Siemens RS Somatom Sensation 64-slice CT scanner, Siemens Magnetom Skyra 3.0 Tesla cardiac-gated MRI, digital radiography, ultrasound, and nuclear scintigraphy. An interventional laboratory, well-equipped for both small and large animal transcatheter interventions, is also on-site in the new Veterinary Teaching Hospital (built in 2015).  Diplomates in the specialties of anesthesiology, emergency medicine and critical care, internal medicine, nutrition, neurology, oncology, pathology, radiology, surgery, and zoological medicine provide additional direct support of this program. In addition, relationships with surrounding pediatric and adult cardiology groups and industry provide support for a growing interventional caseload, enabling our team to offer cutting-edge transcatheter intervention.  The cardiology service is located within the small animal hospital, and most cardiac evaluations are performed on dogs and cats. Smaller numbers of large animals and exotic pets are examined. A typical day on the cardiology service includes between four and six outpatient appointments, with additional appointments added on an as-needed basis, and in-house consultations performed for other services. One day per week is dedicated for interventional procedures, and space is cleared within the schedule for emergent small and large animal interventional cases as they arise.  The cardiology resident will have primary case responsibility as a member of the cardiology service. Clinical duties will be conducted under the supervision of a cardiologist and include diagnosing and treating companion animals with heart disease, managing interventional cardiology cases, communicating directly with clients, assisting with consultations for clinicians from other hospital services, and contributing to the education of senior veterinary students and interns in the teaching hospital. While the cardiology resident will not have general emergency responsibilities, providing back-up for house officers managing patients of the cardiology service presented after-hours on emergency is expected. This duty is shared by all cardiology residents.  Off-clinic time will be allocated for research endeavors, collaborative writing of scientific manuscripts, as well as attending and participating in continuing education. Our residents participate in the didactic teaching of pre-clinical veterinary students, and participate and/or lead daily clinic rounds, weekly book club, weekly journal club, weekly multi-specialty house officer board preparation rounds, and weekly hospital-wide grand rounds. Cardiology faculty provide monthly advanced topic rounds, designed to prepare residents for board examination. Cardiology residents will gain exposure to congenital and acquired cardiopathology during advanced teaching laboratory utilizing UGA’s cardiovascular library of cadaveric hearts. Residents are expected to present at grand rounds once yearly and at multi-specialty board preparation rounds twice yearly. Residents are also expected to submit one first-author manuscript for publication in a scientific journal prior to completion of this program.  The start date for this program will be July 14, 2023.  **APPLICATION PROCESS**  Full consideration will be given to candidates who submit a completed application packet by the VIRMP deadline of January 9, 2023. After this deadline, all submitted applications will be reviewed and offers for interviews will be extended during the week of January 16, 2023.  **Important Additional Requirements of this program**  THE SELECTED CANDIDATE WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN (prior to the start of the residency) AN AGREEMENT TO WORK AS A THRIVE PET HEALTHCARE SPECIALIST FOR 4 YEARS at a mutually agreed to location following successful completion of the residency program. Candidates must be able to meet veterinary licensure requirements, along with federal work eligibility requirements as required by the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 as amended. Interested candidates should contact Dr. Jimmy Murphy at [jimmy.murphy@thrivepet.com](mailto:jimmy.murphy@thrivepet.com) for further information. | | | |
| Questions about the program should be directed to: | | Mandy Coleman, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)  Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery  College of Veterinary Medicine  University of Georgia  Athens, GA 30602-7390 |
| Email: | | mericksn@uga.edu |
| Telephone-: | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **All Applicants**  The successful candidate will be licensed to practice by a faculty license. This license, obtained without examination, permits veterinarians from non-AVMA-accredited veterinary schools to practice within UGA programs only. 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. Professional liability insurance is provided only for work performed as a UGA resident. If the resident desires to work outside of UGA and the residency program, it is the resident’s responsibility to acquire professional liability insurance.  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 the resident provides proof of alternative acceptable medical insurance. Medical insurance through the Graduate School will be available beginning August 1, 2023. Please visit the following website for additional information regarding health insurance fees [https://hr.uga.edu/students/Mandatory\_Plan/‌student\_‌mandatory\_plan\_home/](https://hr.uga.edu/students/Mandatory_Plan/student_mandatory_plan_home/). Be advised that the UGA policy will not take effect until August 1, 2023, so you will need to independently obtain health insurance from July 14, 2023, until August 1, 2023.  Residents receive 10 days of vacation leave for every 12 months of training and a reasonable amount of sick leave. Residents for each specialty, along with working faculty, cover service responsibilities during the Christmas and New Year’s holiday break. Leave does not carry forward from year to year. Vacation and sick leave will renew on July 1 each year.  The residency is a non-degree 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 paid by Thrive Pet Healthcare. Required fees allow access to the Ramsey Student Activities Center (sports complex), the Gilbert Student Health Center, and student tickets for athletic and cultural events. Student services are accessible once the fall semester begins. Residents must pay parking fees (approximately $240/year) that can be payroll deducted (monthly or yearly).  The University of Georgia classifies residents as graduate students; thus, for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program, residents are not considered to be full-time employees. This makes the residency years at the University of Georgia ineligible for 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 must 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 coursework. 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 instead of TOEFL scores. A valid US driving license is required. International applicants must arrive three weeks before the residency start date to obtain a 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 (find information at: [https://hr.uga.edu/‌students/Mandatory\_Plan/student\_mandatory\_plan\_home/](https://hr.uga.edu/students/Mandatory_Plan/student_mandatory_plan_home/)). Proof of immunization for measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, chicken pox, hepatitis, and rabies is required.  International candidates must 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](https://isl.uga.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2020/09/Social_Security_Office-TheBasics.pdf). A social security number is required 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](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 the most frequently asked questions and additional information about our program: <https://vet.uga.edu/education/intern-residency-programs/intern-residency-programs/>.  Applications MUST be complete in the VIRMP system by the VIRMP deadline. Materials processed by the VIRMP after the deadline will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed. 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 (details are available from [www.virmp.org](file:///C:\Users\spencerj\Documents\SAMS\Interns\2023%20VIRMP%20match\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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zMIR0Ayz6ys&feature=youtu.be). | | |