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| Date: | 9/26/2022 | | |
| House Officer Type: | Residency | | |
| Service: | Clinical Nutrition | | |
| Number of positions available for 2023: | 1 | | |
| Additional Graduate School Program MS/PhD: | Not Applicable | | |
| Advertisement placement: | VIRMP | | |
| Additional information for SAMS Admin: | This 3-year position is funded by a gift provided by Nestle Purina PetCare | | |
| Posting Description: | | | |
| **Additional Information about Program**  Full consideration will be given to candidates who submit a completed application packet by the VIRMP deadline of January 9, 2023. Applications will be reviewed and offers for initial interviews will be extended by Monday, January 23, 2023. Initial interviews will be conducted virtually via Zoom, with offers to visit UGA in person being extended following the virtual interview.  **Interview Details:**   * Zoom interviews will be conducted from January 25, 2023, until February 3, 2023, with Dr. Jackie Parr (primary mentor) and Dr. Joe Bartges (secondary mentor). Applicants are encouraged to keep at least one of these dates available for a one-hour interview. * If an offer is extended to visit UGA in person, additional information regarding the in-person interview process will be distributed following the initial virtual interview. * Questions about the program should be directed to Dr. Jackie Parr ([jackie.parr@uga.edu](mailto:jackie.parr@uga.edu)).   **Objectives:**  The objective of the three-year small animal clinical nutrition residency is to provide graduate veterinarians with advanced clinical education and research experience allowing them to enter either academia, private practice, industry, private consulting, or a combination of the aforementioned sectors, following completion of the three-year program. A major goal of the program is to prepare the resident to become board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) in Nutrition. Candidates must have previously completed a one-year rotating internship or its equivalent in practice experience. The Residency Training Program is approved by the ACVIM ([https://www.acvim.‌org/certification/approved-residency-training-programs/nutrition-rtps](https://www.acvim.org/certification/approved-residency-training-programs/nutrition-rtps)) and more information is available online in the 2022-2023 Certification Manual: [https://www.acvim.‌org/certification/certification-manual-and-general-information-guide](https://www.acvim.org/certification/certification-manual-and-general-information-guide).  **Introduction:**  The University of Georgia’s College of Veterinary Medicine is located in Athens, Georgia. Athens is a community of approximately 100,000 residents located sixty-five miles northeast of Atlanta. The University of Georgia’s new Veterinary Teaching Hospital is a state-of-the-art facility equipped to provide outpatient and hospital accommodations for the medical and surgical treatment of companion animals. Complete clinical, diagnostic, and pathologic facilities permit the intensive study of hospital patients.  The residency Program Director, Dr. Jackie Parr, will oversee the programs of all small animal clinical nutrition residents. Additionally, a faculty member, who is also a Board-Certified Veterinary Nutritionist®, will be assigned to each clinical nutrition resident and will serve as Resident Advisor to facilitate successful completion of the residency program (either Dr. Jackie Parr or Dr. Joe Bartges).  **Residency Training Program Deadlines:**   * Registration of the resident as a candidate with the ACVIM must be submitted to the ACVIM within 90 days of beginning the training program using the online registration form. The registration fee must be paid online at this time. * Application to take the ACVIM General Examination must be submitted online to the ACVIM by the date specified on the ACVIM website in the year preceding the examination. The online registration form, Residency Advisor progress letter, two multiple-choice questions, progress record reflecting activities to that point, and examination fee payment are all due at this time. * Credentials for the ACVIM Specialty Examination must be submitted online to the ACVIM by the date specified on the ACVIM website in the year preceding the Specialty Examination. All components of the credentials packet and the credentials fee are due at this time. * Registration for the ACVIM Specialty Examination must be submitted by the date specified on the ACVIM website in the year preceding the examination. The examination fee and previously approved credentials are due at this time. * For further information, please review the 2022-2023 Certification Manual: <https://www.acvim.org/certification/certification-manual-and-general-information-guide>   **Paraclinical Training:**  Courses and rounds are held on diverse topics or in-depth case analysis for 1-2 hours each day. The clinical nutrition resident is expected to attend the following courses and rounds (with the exception of during planned vacation or unplanned sick leave):   * ACVIM Nutrition Rounds (in person): Mondays 8-9 am * ACVIM Journal Club (in person): Tuesdays 8-9 am * ACVIM Nutrition Journal Club (virtually): Wednesdays 3-4 pm * ACVIM Lecture Series (virtual): Thursdays 8-9 am * Grand Rounds (in person): Fridays 8-9 am   While on-clinics, the clinical nutrition resident is expected to attend daily case-based rounds in-person with faculty. The format of these rounds varies and the resident will be asked to lead case-based rounds discussions.  Residents are expected to give a variety of other presentations throughout their residency:   * Lead ACVIM Nutrition Rounds once monthly on a predetermined topic. * Deliver two topics each year for interns, residents, and faculty from internal medicine and/or other specialty areas (scheduled during ACVIM Journal Club and ACVIM Lecture Series). * Give one Grand Rounds presentation each year for senior students, interns, residents, and faculty, ideally based on the resident’s research. * Provide one journal article review per year for ACVIM Nutrition Journal Club.   The resident will be expected to be involved in research during his/her/their program. The results of this research must be presented to the faculty in written form ready for manuscript submission before the Certificate of Residency will be issued by the University of Georgia.  **Compensation:**  The current beginning annual stipend is $34,615 USD. All programs are graduate programs, leading to an official University Certificate of Residency.  **Resident Evaluation:**  In order to adequately monitor the resident’s training program, the resident will be formally evaluated twice yearly by the Program Director, Resident Advisor, and other faculty with whom the resident has worked. Student and intern evaluations conducted each block are also considered.  The resident will be required to maintain a clinical case log using data from our medical records system (VetView) which may also be used in evaluation. Routine review/audit of case records will also be a part of the evaluation process.  The resident is also required to keep logs of their courses, rounds, teaching activities, research, and publication progress, on a yearly basis. These logs will be reviewed during the biannual formal review process.  The resident will be evaluated prior to reappointment for the next year of the residency program. The Program Director will consider results of the evaluation process and satisfactory completion of all residency requirements prior to recommending a Certificate of Residency for the individual. The resident must have completed all research projects and have compiled a written report in a form suitable for publication to fulfill that requirement.  **Residency Training Experience:**  This training program will depend in large measure on echelon teaching. Within the framework of senior faculty, third year residents (including residents from ACVIM disciplines), second year residents, and first year residents, direct communication in terms of consultation, observation, demonstration, and constructive criticism will contribute to the resident's education. The resident will also be expected to pursue independent study. As previously described, modes of education to be utilized in this training program include case material, clinicopathologic conferences and seminars, research investigation, and utilization of basic science expertise.  **Standard Training Program Time Plan:**  **Year 1: 30-weeks on-clinical duty, 9-weeks of clinical electives, 6-weeks of research time.** The major impetus during the resident's first 12-months of training will be the development of clinical and problem-solving skills. This will be established by daily exposure to the medical faculty and diversity of clinical cases. Consultation with and supervision by the faculty of the college of veterinary medicine will be the mainstay of this phase of the training program. In addition, participation in resident courses and rounds are required as outlined above.  The resident will typically function in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital Monday through Friday (8 am-6 pm). The resident will have responsibility of daily nutritional assessments for ICU/IMC in-patients on weekends and holidays, which can be accomplished from home. The first-year resident will be expected to be on call during the Christmas and New Year vacation for parenteral nutrition cases, which can also be accomplished from home. Faculty backup is available at all times via phone call/text message. It is anticipated that the resident will be involved in hospital duties and functions for approximately 60 hours weekly.  The daily activities for clinical nutrition residents are dictated by both in-patient case load (primarily in ICU/Intermediate Care (IMC) Unit) and the out-patient appointment schedule. The Clinical Nutrition Service is composed of one full-time faculty, two residents, and two full-time registered veterinary technicians. The service also has residents (from other services) and interns on rotation in 1-2 weeks blocks. Critical care and internal medicine specialists are available for consultation on critical patients.  Other specialty services consist of emergency/critical care, internal medicine, cardiology, oncology, neurology, dermatology, surgery (soft tissue and orthopedics), interventional radiology, ophthalmology, anesthesiology, theriogenology, physical rehabilitation, behavioral medicine, and zoological medicine. Residents will rotate through internal medicine twice (2 x 3-week blocks) in their first year. The final three-weeks of clinical electives will be selected from either the above specialty services, or the community practice clinic, following discussion with the Program Director.  The resident functions as part of the educational team and is expected to critique the student's ability to solve clinical problems effectively and efficiently. Residents are expected to develop teaching skills such that they can effectively lead rounds and direct students through a problem-oriented approach to medical action. It is expected that the resident will have daily, in-depth discussions with students on their shared patients. During any portion of the day, residents may need to assist students, staff, interns, or other residents with cases. Residents are expected to be knowledgeable of current literature pertaining to their cases.  One of the goals of the residency program is to provide the resident with research experience, preferably through a controlled research project or clinical study. The first-year resident, with assistance from their Program Director and Resident Advisor, will begin a research project to be completed during the residency program.  **Year 2: 25-weeks on-clinical duty, 9-weeks of clinical electives, 5-weeks of research time, 4-weeks of study leave, 1-week for ACVIM General Examination.** During the second year, the resident will continue participation in the Clinical Nutrition Service. The resident will typically function in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital Monday through Friday (8 am-6 pm). They will have responsibility of daily nutritional assessments for ICU/IMC in-patients on weekends and holidays, which can be accomplished from home. The second-year resident will be expected to be on call during the Thanksgiving for parenteral nutrition cases, which can also be accomplished from home. Faculty backup is available at all times via phone call/text message. It is anticipated that the resident will be involved in hospital duties and functions for approximately 60-hours weekly.  The resident will also rotate through internal medicine twice (2 x 3-week blocks) in their second year. The final three-weeks of clinical electives will be selected from either the above noted specialty services, or the community practice clinic, following discussion with the Program Director.  The application to take the ACVIM General Examination during the resident’s second year must be submitted online to the ACVIM by the date specified on the ACVIM website in the year preceding the examination. The online registration form, Residency Advisor progress letter, two multiple-choice questions, progress record reflecting activities to that point, and examination fee payment are all due at this time. Following acceptance of the resident’s application package, the resident will be provided with four-weeks of study leave prior to the ACVIM general examination to prepare.  The resident will also continue to conduct the data collection phase of their research project and begin writing one or more manuscripts for publication to fulfill ACVIM requirements for board certification.  **Year 3: 25-weeks on-clinical duty, 14-weeks of research time, 6-weeks of study leave, 1-week for ACVIM Specialty Examination.** During the third year, the resident will continue participation in the Clinical Nutrition Service. A portion of this time (a minimum of one three-week block) will be spent as chief resident in charge the Clinical Nutrition Services. This will allow maximum utilization of accumulated medical knowledge and expertise. Areas of weakness will also become apparent and provide stimulus for improvement.  The resident’s credentials for the ACVIM Specialty Examination must be submitted online to the ACVIM by the date specified on the ACVIM website in the year preceding the Specialty Examination. All components of the credentials packet and the credentials fee are due at this time. Registration for the ACVIM Specialty Examination in the resident’s third year must be submitted by the date specified on the ACVIM website in the year preceding the examination. The examination fee and previously approved credentials are also due at this time. Following acceptance of the resident’s credentials package, the resident will be provided with six-weeks of study leave prior to the ACVIM Specialty Examination to prepare.  While off duty, the resident’s research project will be completed and written up for publication in a peer-reviewed journal to fulfill ACVIM requirements for board certification.  **Start Date:**  The start date for this residency will be July 14, 2023.  **Questions about the program should be directed to:**  Dr. Jackie Parr ([Jackie.Parr@uga.edu](mailto:Jackie.Parr@uga.edu))  Clinical Nutrition Service  Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery  College of Veterinary Medicine  University of Georgia  Athens, GA 30602-7390 | | | |
| Questions about the program should be directed to: | | Dr. Jackie Parr, DVM, MSc, DACVIM (Nutrition) |
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| Telephone-: | | 762-234-0074 |
| **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. This time 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, 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), 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 (information can be found 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). | | |