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| Date: | 9/27/2021 | | |
| House Officer Type: | Residency | | |
| Service Line: | Diagnostic Imaging | | |
| Number of positions available for 2022: | 1 | | |
| Advertisement placement: | VIRMP | | |
| Additional information for SAMS Admin: | UGA funded Diagnostic Imaging residency – IDEXX sponsored | | |
| Posting Description: | | | |
| **University of Georgia-IDEXX Diagnostic Imaging Program**  This program is sponsored by IDEXX and delivered by the University of Georgia. IDEXX will require a “return of service” agreement with each candidate that completes this program. Commencing at the completion of the residency and continuing for three years, each resident will provide radiology services to IDEXX as either an employee or consultant, either full time or part time with an academic appointment. A memorandum of understanding will be completed within the first year of the residency with a final agreement completed in the 3rd year of the residency. If there is a breach of this obligation on the resident’s part, they will be required to reimburse IDEXX (pro-rated) for the cost of the residency.  **University of Georgia Residency in Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging**  The Diagnostic Imaging Program at the University of Georgia welcomes applications for a three-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 in Athens, Georgia. Athens is a community of approximately 130,000 residents located 65 miles northeast of Atlanta. The College’s annual hospital 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 one ACVR board certified radiologist, one ACVR and ACVR-EDI board-certified radiologist, VetCT acting as a supervising diplomate, one ACVR board certified radiation oncologist, three diagnostic imaging residents, one registered veterinary technician specialist in diagnostic imaging (VTS-DI), six registered veterinary technicians, and two veterinary assistants.  Diagnostic Imaging is equipped with three small animal radiograph suites,one 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, two 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 three-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, residents are encouraged 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 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 complete the preliminary exam successfully.  2. Journal club is held two times per month.  3. Known case conference (KCC) is held on the first Monday of each three-week block, led by either by the supervising faculty or VetCT.  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 by our radiation oncologist. Residents attend the nuclear medicine short course offered by Texas A and M University every other year.  6. Neuroradiology rounds are held four times per year to discuss imaging-based neurology cases. Residents and faculty from both neurology and diagnostic imaging services attend the rounds.  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 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 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 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/](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.  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 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. 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, further details 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). | | |