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| Date: | 9/20/2022 | | |
| House Officer Type: | Internship | | |
| Service: | General Practice | | |
| Number of positions available for 2023: | 1 | | |
| Additional Graduate School Program MS/PhD: | Not Applicable | | |
| Advertisement placement: | VIRMP | | |
| Additional information for SAMS Admin: | Changing name & classification: Small animal rotating internship with an emphasis on general practice | | |
| Posting Description: | | | |
| The University of Georgia Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Rotating Internship with an emphasis on general practice provides a unique opportunity for a candidate interested in additional training in a blended academic canine and feline primary care clinic and specialty hospital.  The successful candidate will join a rotating intern class of 10 total interns. This position is designed to spend approximately 50% of the year as a clinician in our stand-alone Pet Health Center (PHC) which is staffed by three full-time faculty members who have achieved or are in the process of obtaining American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP) certification in Canine and Feline Practice. In the PHC, interns will be exposed to a wide array of case presentations, ranging from wellness to illness, with hands on opportunities to curate an interest in dentistry or surgery based on candidate preference. Additional rotations in the UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital will include internal medicine, soft tissue surgery, orthopedic surgery, dermatology, anesthesia, radiology, zoological medicine, and daytime emergency/critical care. Two blocks (six weeks) of elective time are chosen by the intern. Potential electives include the aforementioned rotations along with ophthalmology, oncology, neurology, cardiology, pathology, shelter medicine, and/or a preapproval-required research block.  This internship is best suited for an individual interested in pursuing an academic primary care faculty career, pursuing an ABVP residency, or simply gaining additional mentorship to become a high-level general practitioner and educator. Interns assume primary case responsibilities for patients on all hospital services under the supervision of faculty. They are expected to actively participate in the daily activities of their assigned services, including rounds participation and supervision and instruction of clinical year veterinary students.  On a rotating basis with nine other interns, interns provide coverage of three weekend shifts (Saturday 7 am through Sunday 8 pm) and holiday emergency care to patients presenting to the small animal teaching hospital including dogs, cats, exotic pets, and wildlife. The Daytime emergency/critical care rotation shifts are Monday to Friday 7 am-7 pm and are supervised under the guidance of DACVECC faculty and house officers. In-hospital support by ER/CC house officers and faculty is provided for late evening and weekend daytime emergency duties. In addition to in-hospital support, a robust resident or faculty on-call system is available to interns working overnight ER.  Interns are required to attend bi-weekly didactic rounds and journal club reviews. Additionally, interns are encouraged to attend topical seminars in various departments, weekly seminars, and special lectures presented throughout the year. Interns are required to prepare and present a 20 to 30 minutes seminar in a department-wide intern lecture series at the end of their program. Performance of a research project is not required but is highly encouraged during the internship.  This general practice focused internship is directly overseen by the community practice faculty and in coordination with the UGA Intern Training Committee which works to support the interns, organize didactic rounds, and coordinate regular intern performance evaluations. Within the first month of the internship, interns can either select or choose to be assigned a faculty mentor from any discipline of the College to work with throughout their intern year. 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/](https://vet.uga.edu/education/intern-residency-programs/intern-residency-programs/%20) | | | |
| Questions about the program should be directed to: | | Sara E. Gonzalez, DVM, MS, DABVP (Canine and Feline Practice); Clinical Assistant Professor of Community Practice |
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| Telephone-: | | 706-510-9583 |
| **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 intern. If the intern desires to work outside of UGA and the internship program, it is the intern’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 intern 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.  Interns receive 10 days of vacation leave for every 12 months of training and a reasonable amount of sick leave. The intern class splits ER coverage responsibilities during the holiday break between approximately December 22, 2023, and January 3, 2024, providing an additional 4-6 days of leave.  The internship 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), the Gilbert Student Health Center, and student tickets for athletic and cultural events. Student services are accessible once the fall semester begins. Interns must pay parking fees (approximately $240/year) that can be payroll deducted (monthly or yearly).  Interns at the University of Georgia are classified as graduate students and, thus, for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program, are not considered to be full-time employees. This makes the internship year 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 internship 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/> .  In-person and telephone interviews are NOT permitted and therefore are NOT used in the selection process. 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 (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). | | |