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| Date: | 8/30/2022 | | |
| House Officer Type: | Internship | | |
| Service: | Choose an item. | | |
| Number of positions available for 2023: | 5 | | |
| Additional Graduate School Program MS/PhD: | Not Applicable | | |
| Advertisement placement: | VIRMP | | |
| Additional information for SAMS Admin: | Rotating Small Animal Medicine & Surgery internship | | |
| Posting Description: | | | |
| The University of Georgia Small Animal Rotating Internship provides robust specialty service exposure with rotations through internal medicine, soft tissue surgery, orthopedic surgery, anesthesia, radiology, oncology, neurology, cardiology, community practice, zoological medicine, as well as daytime and overnight emergency room/critical care (ER/CC). In addition, at least two three-week blocks (six weeks total) of elective time are provided. Potential electives include the aforementioned rotations along with dermatology, ophthalmology, theriogenology, shelter medicine, clinical or anatomic pathology, and a preapproval-required research block. For all interns, at least one elective period will be scheduled prior to residency and specialty internship application deadlines.  The internship will start at 8:00 am Friday, June 16, 2023, and will conclude at the end of business on Sunday, June 23, 2024. Interns assume primary care responsibilities for patients on all services under the supervision of faculty. They are expected to actively participate in the daily activities of their assigned services, including rounds participation as well as the supervision and instruction of clinical year veterinary students.  On a rotating basis with nine other interns, interns provide weekend and holiday emergency care to canine, feline, exotic pet, and wildlife patients presenting to the teaching hospital. All interns are provided training on exotics and wildlife handling prior to working ER, therefore prior experience working with exotic species is not a requirement of the program. The weekend ER shifts are generally Saturday 8 am-8 pm, Saturday 8 pm-8 am, and Sunday 8 am-7 pm throughout the year. The overnight ER rotation shifts are typically scheduled Sunday to Friday 7 pm-7 am. The daytime emergency rotation shifts are typically Monday to Friday 7 am-7 pm. All ER/ECC rotations are supervised by DACVECC faculty and ECC house officers. In-hospital support by ER/CC house officers and faculty is provided for late evenings, occasional overnights, and weekend daytime after-hours emergency duties. In addition, all hospital services contribute to a resident and faculty led backup system available to interns at all times during overnight or weekend emergency duty.  Interns are required to attend bi-weekly intern rounds, which include didactic lectures and intermittent journal club reviews. Additionally, interns are encouraged to attend topical seminars in various departments, weekly seminars, and special lectures through the year. Interns are required to prepare and present a 20 to 30-minute 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.  The UGA rotating internship is overseen by a training committee comprised of four clinical faculty members who work 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.  Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |
| Questions about the program should be directed to: | | Andrew Bugbee, DVM, DACVIM  Intern Training Committee Chair |
| Email: | | abugbee@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 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 June 16, 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). | | |