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| Date: | 9/18/2022 | | |
| House Officer Type: | Residency | | |
| Service: | Oncology | | |
| 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 UGA funded residency. | | |
| Posting Description: | | | |
| **University of Georgia Residency in Veterinary Oncology**  The Oncology Program at the University of Georgia welcomes applications for a three-year residency training program in veterinary oncology. This residency provides non-degree, advanced clinical training in companion animal oncology and opportunity to gain experience in research and publication. The program prepares veterinarians for board certification in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM), Specialty of Oncology. 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 located in Athens, Georgia. Athens is a community of approximately 130,000 residents located 65 miles northeast of Atlanta. The College’s Small Animal Hospital annual caseload is approximately 28,000, with the Oncology Service seeing over 2,700 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 integrated oncology service at UGA includes four ACVIM board-certified oncologists (including one PhD in tumor biology), one ACVR board-certified radiation oncologist, four medical oncology residents, one radiation oncology resident, four medical oncology technicians and assistants, two radiation oncology technicians, and two client care representatives. We have a large and varied caseload and actively participate in clinical trials. A Varian Trilogy® System Linear Accelerator is onsite and we offer intensity modulated radiation therapy and stereotactic radiation therapy. In addition, Sr-90 plesiotherapy is available. Chemotherapy is prepared by pharmacy technicians under the supervision of doctors of pharmacy and our facility is USP 800 compliant. Complete diagnostic imaging, clinical pathologic, and histopathologic services and facilities provide support to our service. We work closely with specialists in all veterinary specialties on site, including surgery, internal medicine, emergency and critical care, neurology, cardiology, ophthalmology, dermatology, anesthesia, diagnostic imaging, interventional radiology, anatomic and clinical pathology, nutrition, and zoological medicine.  The majority of the residency is spent as directly supervised weeks on the oncology service. Clinical duties are conducted under the supervision of the oncologists and include diagnosing and treating companion animals with cancer, managing radiation patients, providing consultations for doctors from other hospital services and regional general practices, and contributing to the education of senior veterinary students in the teaching hospital. While oncology residents do not have general emergency responsibilities, they are expected to provide back-up for interns managing patients of the oncology service presenting after-hours on emergency. This duty is rotated among oncology residents. Rotations through other hospital services, such as internal medicine, radiation oncology, radiology, clinical pathology, and pathology are required. In addition, residents will gain experience in chemotherapy preparation and administration under the supervision of experienced pharmacy technicians and veterinary technicians.  Residents are provided time off hospital to complete and publish a research project pertaining to oncology. This time will be tailored to the resident’s research interests. The resident is expected to complete the research project before the end of the residency. Residents are encouraged to participate in ongoing clinical trials.  Multiple resident teaching rounds and conferences occur weekly. Residents participate in daily patient and topic rounds. All-specialty ACVIM rounds, oncology resident rounds/journal club, and cytology/biopsy rounds are held weekly; oncology residents are expected to attend and participate in these rounds to expand their knowledge base and help prepare for the ACVIM board examinations. Additionally, attendance at weekly college-wide Grand Rounds Seminars is mandatory, and oncology residents are expected to present annually. Residents attend the Veterinary Cancer Society Annual Conference each year and present the results of their research project at the VCS Annual Conference or the ACVIM Forum. | | | |
| Questions about the program should be directed to: | | Nicole Northrup, DVM, DACVIM (Oncology) Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery College of Veterinary Medicine University of Georgia  2200 College Station Road Athens, GA 30602 |
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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 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/>.  We will be offering virtual interviews in 2022-2023. Invitations for interviews will be extended after the application deadline. 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). | | |