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| The Zoological Medicine service of the Department of Small Animal Medicine & Surgery, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia (UGA), Zoo Atlanta (ZA), and the Georgia Aquarium (GA) offer a 1-year specialty internship in zoological medicine. This is a demanding program that necessitates dedication, enthusiasm, motivation, clinical competency, as well as excellent interpersonal and organizational skills.  At least one peer-reviewed publication is required for successful completion of the program. Individuals completing this program will have been trained to the highest standards to be competitive for residency programs.  The intern will spend 36 weeks in zoological medicine, 3 weeks in emergency critical care, 3 weeks in small animal anesthesia, with 9 weeks of non-clinical time (for research, study, conference attendance and includes 2 weeks vacation). Zoological medicine is a fully integrated service within the Veterinary Teaching Hospital of the College of Veterinary Medicine (Athens, GA), and under the supervision of Drs Stephen Divers and Jörg Mayer (both Diplomates of the European and American Colleges of Zoological Medicine). In addition to a supervising on-clinic faculty member and resident, the intern is aided by 2-3 certified technicians, and 2-4 senior veterinary students on 3-week elective rotations. Specialists from all disciplines are available for consultation and an extensive support infrastructure, typical of a veterinary college, is available. Afterhours emergencies are seen by the emergency care service, with the zoo med house officer/faculty available for consultation and support. Emergency cases are transferred to the zoological medicine service the following morning.  The clinical work includes animals presented to the hospital as well as field activities at a variety of local collections including Bear Hollow Wildlife Trail and Sandy Creek Nature Reserve. The current annual hospital and field caseload is approx. 1500 cases, and is composed of 14% reptiles, 40% avian, 45% mammals, and 1% amphibians/fish/inverts. Approximately 85% of the caseload is represented by privately owned zoological companion animals, 10% native wildlife, and 5% zoo/aquarium animals. The Veterinary Teaching Hospital is a $100m, state-of-the-art, tertiary referral center and is well equipped with dedicated avian, herp, small mammal, and wildlife hospitalization facilities; digital radiography, fluoroscopy, ultrasonography, 64 slice CT, nuclear scintigraphy, 3T and 7T MRI; chemotherapy and linear accelerator; flexible and rigid diagnostic and surgical endoscopy; microsurgery, radiosurgery, Nd-YAG, diode and CO2 lasers; large pharmacy staffed by qualified pharmacists; and access to all major veterinary specialties. In addition, there is a fully accredited clinical pathology lab on site and a state-licensed diagnostic lab on campus.  The intern will be responsible for (1) participating in the daily activities of the zoological medicine service of the hospital including primary case responsibilities and clinical case rounds (typically 730am to 6pm Monday to Friday); (2) participating in regular visits to Bear Hollow Wildlife Trail, and Sandy Creek Nature Reserve; (3) providing assistance in instruction and supervision of veterinary students assigned to the zoological rotation; (4) providing emergency weekend and night-time back-up for zoological species admitted by the small animal emergency interns (each house officer is on call during weekends and weekday evenings 1/3 of the time); (5) presenting one 20-minute seminar to the College each year and active participation in zoological journal club and didactic rounds. Clinical case rounds are held at least once, and generally twice a day, and a DACZM is always on site.  Application Requirements  Candidates must be fluent in written and spoken English, and foreign applicants whose native language is not English must submit TOEFL scores obtained within the previous 2 years. All applicants must be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in their country of origin, and priority is given to those candidates that fulfill the following:  1. Completion of a 1-year small or large animal rotating internship is preferred (or 2-3 years of practice experience in domestic animal, exotic, zoo and/or aquatic animal medicine). General clinical competency is essential.  2. Excellent academic record with previous research experience and veterinary publication. (Submission of a class rank greatly helps in the evaluation process).  3. Previous veterinary experience in the US with a reference from the supervising veterinarian (e.g. externships at US veterinary hospitals, zoos, aquaria, or private practices). An externship at the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia, Zoo Atlanta, and/or the Georgia Aquarium can often be arranged.  4. This is a demanding program and applicants can expect long days, and will need excellent organizational and interpersonal skills - demonstrable collegiality and ability to work as part of a clinical team are essential.  To apply please contact the matching program at www.virmp.org  **Although COVID-restrictions prevent visits by candidates this year, we may schedule zoom interviews in the new year before the applicant ranking deadline.**  **Prospective candidates are advised to review the following videos for information on the Veterinary Teaching Hospital and the zoological medicine service: https://tinyurl.com/ZOOLOGICALMEDICINE** | | | |
| Questions about the program should be directed to: | | Dr. Stephen Divers, email: sdivers@uga.edu  Dr. Jörg Mayer, email: mayerj@uga.edu |
| Email: | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
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| **All Applicants**  The successful candidate will be licensed to practice by virtue of a faculty license. This license permits veterinarians from non-AVMA-accredited veterinary schools to practice within UGA graduate programs, and may be obtained without examination. 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. A faculty license enables the license holder to practice only within the scope of the residency program. Professional liability insurance is covered only for work performed as a UGA resident; it is the resident’s responsibility to acquire professional liability insurance for work outside of the residency program.  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 proof of coverage is provided. Coverage through the Graduate School will be available beginning August 1, 2022. Please visit the following website for additional information regarding health insurance fees <https://hr.uga.edu/students/student-health-insurance/> .  Be advised that the UGA policy will not take effect until August 1, 2022, so you will need to independently obtain health insurance to cover yourself from July 14, 2022, until August 1, 2022.  For every 12 months of training, 10 days of vacation time are provided for House Officers (Residents/Interns), as well as up to 12 days of sick leave. The intern class splits ER coverage responsibilities during the holiday break between approximately December 22, 2022 and January 3, 2023, so an additional 4-6 days of leave are provided during this time.  This 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) and Gilbert Student Health Center, as well as access to student tickets for athletic and cultural events. Access to student services is not accessible until the fall semester begins. Parking fees (approximately $240/year) are an additional expense and can be payroll deducted (monthly or yearly).  House Officers (Residents/Interns) at the University of Georgia are classified as graduate students, and thus for the purpose of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program are not considered to be full time employees. The University of Georgia does not participate in 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/> ). Proof of immunization for measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, chicken pox, hepatitis and rabies is required.  It is crucial that international candidates 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> . A social security number is required in order 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). 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 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, further details available from 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>. | | |