

Additional Information about Program

The University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital offers 9 small animal rotating internship positions for June 2023-June 2024. The internship is designed to provide experience in all areas of clinical case work up and management with faculty guidance. Interns work under the supervision of faculty members and have primary case responsibility on emergency and internal medicine services; interns may have opportunities for primary case responsibility on other services. Clinical duty is supplemented with daily rounds, journal club discussions, medicine and surgery seminars, and resident board-preparatory courses. Internships are 12 ½ month appointments. Upon successful completion of the program, an Internship Certificate is awarded.

As a direct result of detailed feedback from previous interns, as well as faculty and residents, the program continues to evolve to meet suggested improvements wherever possible. Several improvements enacted thanks to feedback from previous and current interns include prioritization of emergency-related topics in the intern summer seminar series, guidance in intern selection of motivated mentors, routine check ins with the small animal rotating internship director, improvement and expansion of the intern handbook, and expansion of ECC resident support on overnight emergency duty.

Required rotations include emergency service, internal medicine, soft tissue & orthopedic surgery, radiology, neurology, anesthesia, and zoological medicine. Interns will also have exposure to clinical pathology. Additional available rotations include cardiology, oncology, ophthalmology, dermatology, dentistry, rehabilitation, shelter medicine, and primary care. Six weeks of off-clinic time is available for vacation (2 weeks) and intern-selected elective rotations (4 weeks). One week of vacation can be requested prior to the start of the internship on a first come, first serve basis.

The Veterinary Teaching Hospital has a robust emergency caseload and an active Emergency & Critical Care program. The Emergency Room is consistently busy and receives referral and nonreferral (first opinion) cases. Interns should expect to gain significant hands-on experience while on emergency duty. Emergency duty includes day, swing, and overnight rotations, and these rotations commence immediately following orientation at the beginning of the internship. The overnight intern is the primary doctor in the hospital and has support from residents and faculty via phone (with potential to call in additional doctors when indicated). Personnel permitting, late night, in person resident support may be available.

An Intern Summer Seminar Series begins the year with approximately 30 lectures in pertinent topics (4-5 mornings per week over the summer). Topics particularly helpful in the emergency setting are prioritized early in the series. Interns are required to participate in the intern seminar program and didactic/service rounds throughout the year; some flexibility in attendance is granted to those with overnight emergency duty. Interns are provided a once monthly intern huddle where all interns can step away from their current rotation to be together for 1.5 hours as protected time.

Interns are encouraged to work with their mentor to develop and complete a research project suitable for presentation at year's end; ideally, the project will also be suitable for publication. Interns have informal teaching responsibilities with fourth year students through case work up and informal rounds.

The University of Illinois offers a complete benefits package. The salary for this position is \$32,243. Malpractice coverage is provided under the University of Illinois for services provided for university clients only. Parking is available for a monthly fee. The UIUC is an AA-EOE.

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