

**Description of Program:**

The neurology residency at University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine is based on the guidelines of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) Specialty of Neurology. Upon completion of the program, the resident will be eligible to submit credentials for examination and certification in neurology by ACVIM in addition to fulfilling the requirements for the new ACVIM Neurosurgery certificate. The neurology/neurosurgery residency program at the University of Georgia is a three year certificate program. The position will afford the resident the opportunity to gain valuable clinical experience and acquire diagnostic skills in a wide variety of areas within neurology and neurosurgery. The residency is in large part a clinical oriented program. There is some opportunity to participate in basic science research. Award of a residency certificate is dependent upon completion of a scientific publication.

The Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery has a busy neurology and neurosurgery service. Job responsibilities include both primary care as well as assisting faculty and other house officers with medical and surgical neurology cases. The resident will work under the guidance of faculty. The residents will help facilitate the admission of cases, the performance of diagnostic tests, including advanced imaging, and treatment of the patients. The diagnostic equipment available to the neurology service includes a computerized video-EEG unit, an EMG unit, a 4th generation helical CT unit, and 3.0 T MRI. There is daily access to both MR and CT imaging. In addition to neuroimaging procedures, the resident will be trained in a variety of electrophysiologic testing procedures (e.g., EMG, NCV, and BAER). Neurosurgical training will be provided as part of the residency training. Neurosurgical procedures include a variety of brain and spinal cord procedures. Additionally, nerve/muscle biopsies are performed by the neurology service. Dedicated journal clubs, didactic rounds, and instruction in clinicopathologic and histologic evaluations of the nervous system are part of the residency training.

Other responsibilities will include instruction of fourth year veterinary students on the neurology service, participation in informal topic discussions, and presentation of seminars for faculty, house officers, and veterinary students.

This residency will be under the direct supervision of faculty board certified in neurology. There are currently three board certified neurology faculty in direct support of the residency. There are currently three residents in neurology and one specialty intern. Other departmental faculty in support of the teaching hospital are listed elsewhere. There will be an opportunity to gain experience with exotic and large animal patients. The Department has small animal rotating interns who cover primary emergency duties. The neurology resident will not participate in primary emergency duty, but the neurology resident will share in an on-call schedule for neurologic and neurosurgical emergencies.

This is a non-degree graduate program leading to an official University certificate of residency. Tuition for this graduate program is \$25/semester. A one time application fee of \$75 and student fees of approximately \$755 for each fall and spring semester and approximately \$480 each summer semester are the responsibility of the individual. The 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. Proof of medical insurance coverage and proof

of immunization for measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, tetanus, and rabies are required. Professional liability insurance is provided, but parking fees (up to \$480/year currently) and health insurance are the responsibility of the individual. All clinical faculty and staff must be members of the AVMA in order to obtain professional liability insurance (membership approx. \$100/year). The current graduate student stipend is \$26,364/year. Ten days of annual leave and 12 days of sick leave are available during the year.

Candidates must be eligible to be admitted to graduate school and must obtain a license to practice veterinary medicine in Georgia. A faculty license may be obtained without examination. A faculty license enables the license holder to practice in the Teaching Hospital only. To take the Georgia State Board examination to obtain a regular Georgia license, the resident must be a graduate of an accredited institution or have completed the requirements of the ECFVG program of the AVMA. The residency cannot be used to satisfy the clinical evaluation portion of the ECFVG.

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. All graduates of veterinary colleges outside of the United States and Canada are considered international applicants regardless of citizenship. 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 and meet the minimum requirements of the Graduate School at UGA. Foreign applicants that have completed a year of academic study in the US can provide a university transcript in lieu of TOEFL scores. Foreign applicants must also consider application and processing time and costs for visas well ahead of the start date. Foreign applicants are responsible for paying a mandatory health insurance fee approximately \$1000/year through the graduate school (<http://www.uga.edu/oie/ininsurance.htm>).

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Please write to the Department for further information on this program or refer to the Department's website (<http://www.vet.uga.edu/SAMS>).

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