

The surgery residency at the University of Georgia is a 3 year program fulfilling the requirements for board eligibility as defined by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. The primary aim is to train individuals who have completed an internship or its equivalent to the level of specialist in small animal surgery. The program's goals are to help develop the resident's expertise in small animal surgery, prepare the resident for board certification in the ACVS, and give each individual a solid understanding of scientific design and fundamentals of research. Training is under the direction of 6 Diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Surgery.

Approximately three-quarters of each year is spent in the Teaching Hospital for clinical training. The faculty takes pride in their active involvement in the Teaching Hospital when on duty. Clinical rotations are assigned in 3 week blocks. The remaining one-quarter is spent in research training and specialty training required by the ACVS.

This is a non-degree graduate program leading to a University certificate of residency. Tuition is \$25/semester. A one time application fee of \$75 and student fees of approximately \$755 per fall and spring semesters and approximately \$480 for summer semesters are required and are the responsibility of the individual. The fees allow access to the Ramsey Student Activities Center (sports complex) and Gilbert Student Health Center, University libraries, and 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 health insurance and parking fees (currently up to \$360/year) are the responsibility of the individual. Health insurance is available through the Graduate School. All clinical faculty and staff must be members of the AVMA in order to obtain professional liability insurance (membership approximately \$100/year). The current graduate student stipend for first year residents is \$26,364. Ten days of annual leave and 12 days of sick leave are available each year.

Candidates 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. The Georgia State Board examination for a Georgia license requires that the resident be a graduate of an accredited institution or completed requirements of the ECFVG program.

International applicants are required to provide two official, certified copies of their academic records from each institution of higher education attended. These records must include all course work. Photocopies are not acceptable. Separate proof of degree(s) is also required. All graduates of veterinary colleges not within the United States or 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. Candidates must be fluent in written and spoken English. Foreign graduates whose primary language is not English must provide TOEFL scores (see <http://www.toefl.org> for details), and the scores must not be more than two years old. 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 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>). Interview dates are available in early December; however, a personal, on site interview is not required for admission to this program. For further description of the program, please write:

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