

**Description of Program:**

The oncology 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 Oncology. Upon completion of the program, the resident will be eligible to submit credentials for examination and ACVIM board certification. The oncology 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 in managing a wide variety of cancer patients. The residency is a clinically oriented program. There is opportunity to participate in basic science or clinical research and the resident will complete, present (at the Veterinary Cancer Society Annual Meeting), and publish a research project to meet requirements for ACVIM board certification.

The Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery has a busy service in oncology. The resident will be responsible for primary care as well as assisting faculty and other house officers with oncology cases. The resident will work under the guidance of faculty. The resident will also perform consultations for other hospital services and referring veterinarians regarding the management of cancer cases. In addition to case-based daily rounds, dedicated journal clubs, tumor biology rounds, and systems rounds (in preparation for the general exam) are part of the residency training.

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

This residency will be under the direct supervision of faculty board certified in neurology. There are three faculty who are board certified in oncology in direct support of the residency. The University of Georgia is currently recruiting a radiation oncologist. During the time that there is no radiation oncologist, required rotations in radiation oncology will be provided off-site. There is currently one resident in oncology. Other departmental faculty positions include 4 in internal medicine, 3 in oncology, 5 in surgery, 3 in anesthesiology, 2 in ophthalmology, 2 in dermatology, 2 in emergency and critical care and 2 in exotic animal medicine. The Department has eight interns who cover primary emergency duties. The oncology resident will not participate in primary emergency duty, but will share in an on-call schedule for oncologic 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 \$50 and student fees of approximately \$600 for each fall and spring semester and approximately \$400 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 \$360/year currently) health insurance and 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 approximately \$100/year). The current graduate student stipend is \$24,850/year. Fifteen 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. 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 \$830/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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