

DOCTORATE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERINARY PROFESSIONALS IN
INFLUENZA PATHOGENESIS AND IMMUNOLOGY
University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine

The Influenza Pathogenesis and Immunology Research Center at the University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine belonging to the NIAID Centers of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance announces doctorate training opportunities in pathogenesis and immunology of influenza infection. The Training Program is designed to introduce academically talented veterinary professionals having a DVM or equivalent degree to cutting edge multi-disciplinary influenza virus research with mentors capable of directing and inspiring them toward careers in biomedical research. This Training Program is designed to capture the interest of veterinarians at a formative time in their careers and help them develop into independent investigators capable of addressing the burgeoning medical problems associated with influenza virus.

To be considered to the Training Program, candidates are required to have a DVM or equivalent degree or be in the final stages of obtaining their DVM or equivalent degree. Interested candidates must submit a cover letter stating their interests, and a resume, biosketch or curriculum vitae.

For information about the Training Program and application procedures, please see the following websites:

UGA Department of Infectious Diseases website at <http://www.vet.uga.edu/ID/>
IPIRC website at <http://www.microbiology.emory.edu/ipirc/>. If you have any questions please contact Dr. Ralph A. Tripp (rtripp@vet.uga.edu).

Influenza Pathogenesis & Immunology Research Center (IPIRC)

IPIRC is one of six national [Influenza Centers of Excellence](#) funded by NIH/NIAID. The goals of the Center are to determine the molecular, ecologic and/or environmental factors that influence the evolution, emergence, transmission and pathogenicity of influenza viruses, including studies on animal influenza viruses with pandemic potential; and to characterize the immune response to influenza vaccination to improve understanding of the immune correlates of protection and cross-protection. The Center's structure is comprised of four research projects, two pilot projects, and two training slots. The scope of the Center's focus includes planning for pandemic influenza and sharing data with other scientists in order to promote collaboration and lay the groundwork for new and improved methods of controlling influenza virus. In the event of a public health emergency involving the emergence and spread of an influenza pandemic in humans, the Network of Centers will be on the frontline to implement the NIAID Pandemic Public Health Research Response Plan.