VA-MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine
Residency in Veterinary Ophthalmology

The College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech is offering a residency in ophthalmology beginning July 2020. The residency is a three-year program and is combined with a concurrent graduate program (MS). The annual salary for this position is $35,844 with additional financial support provided for professional development such as attendance at scientific meetings and the ACVO Basic Science course. The program is designed to provide training in the medical and surgical aspects of veterinary ophthalmology, including large and small domestic animals, animals used in laboratories and non-domestic animals. The resident will be responsible for patient care and will assist in instruction of veterinary medical students, interns and other residents. The program is designed primarily to prepare the resident for successful completion of the ABVO credentialing and board certification process leading to Diplomate status in the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists. Secondary goals of the combined program include introduction to ophthalmic research and development of effective clinical and didactic teaching skills. More specific information regarding the residency program and the application form are available at: http://www.vetmed.vt.edu/org/dsacs/resprogs.asp

Pre-requisites for Acceptance:
1. DVM degree or its equivalent and successful completion of National Board examinations.
2. One-year general internship or practice equivalent.
3. Demonstration of high motivation and good interpersonal skills.
4. Eligibility for admission to the graduate school programs of Virginia Tech (note: individuals from non-English speaking veterinary programs are required to take the TOEFL test and score > 230 to be eligible for the MS program).

The following application materials are required of the candidate:
1. Residency application form (available at above web address)
2. Current curriculum vitae
3. A personal statement describing your background, reasons for applying for this residency, and your career goals.
4. Three to four letters of recommendation from faculty members or practitioners who have worked with you. These letters should address aptitude and performance in intellectual and creative pursuits pertinent to scientific research, knowledge of veterinary medicine, clinical skills, ability to apply knowledge in a clinical situation, and ability to communicate and work with others. These letters should be sent directly by the letter writer to the application address below.
5. Official transcripts and grade point average from all post-secondary institutions attended.

** Deadline for receipt of the application packet is 12:00 PM EST on Monday November 18, 2019.

** The residency position will be offered at 12:00 PM EST on Monday, January 13, 2020.

Other pertinent information:
- Selection will NOT utilize the Veterinary Internship/Residency Matching Program and will adhere to ORCA Guidelines.
- After a review of the applications, we may invite a select number of applicants for a personal interview. Unfortunately, we cannot offer compensation for travel expenses.

Application materials should be sent to:
Keely Arbenz-Smith, DSACS Administrative Assistant at: keelys77@vt.edu
OR
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Questions regarding the residency/graduate program or the residency application process can be directed to Keely Arbenz-Smith at keelys77@vt.edu or Dr. Ian Herring at iherring@vt.edu.