VA-MD College of Veterinary Medicine  
Veterinary Ophthalmology Specialty Internship

The College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech is offering a paid 1-year specialty internship in veterinary ophthalmology. The ophthalmology internship program begins on July 15, 2019. The salary for this position is $27,000 plus health care benefits. The clinical ophthalmology service at the VA Tech Veterinary Teaching Hospital (VTH) is supported by 3 dedicated service technicians, one resident and two faculty members.

The goal of the ophthalmology internship program is to provide the successful applicant with a mentored experience in all aspects of clinical veterinary ophthalmology with priorities to include fostering ophthalmic diagnostic skills, ophthalmic surgical skills and appropriate case management approaches in preparation for subsequent application to ophthalmology residency training programs. Additional goals include strengthening clinical reasoning and communication skills and to offer experience in ophthalmic clinical research.

The ophthalmology intern will participate in all clinical activities of the ophthalmology service, including after hours and weekend ophthalmology emergency duty. The intern will assume small and large animal patient care responsibilities under the supervision of an ophthalmology faculty member, with additional duties to include timely client and referring veterinarian communications and assisting in instruction of veterinary medical students. Participation in weekly ophthalmology resident rounds (journal club, image recognition, topic rounds, histopathology) is expected, as is participation in the house officer seminar program.

Pre-requisites for Acceptance:
1. DVM degree or its equivalent and successful completion of North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE).
2. One-year general internship or practice equivalent.
3. Demonstration of motivation and good interpersonal skills.
4. Eligibility to work in the United States at the time the internship begins (US citizen or have suitable visa status) and ability to communicate effectively in English.

If a candidate is accepted into the ophthalmology internship program, all requirements must be met to hold and maintain a veterinary intern/resident license in the State of Virginia.

The following application materials are required of the candidate:
2. Current curriculum vitae
3. A personal statement describing your background, reasons for applying for this internship, 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 the clinical setting (clinical technical skills, knowledge base and clinical reasoning/ability to apply knowledge in the clinical setting), ability to communicate and work with others and creative pursuits pertinent to scientific research. Recommendation letters should be sent directly by the letter writer to the application address below.
5. Official transcript from veterinary school attended.

** Deadline for receipt of the application packet is 5:00 PM EST on December 20, 2018.

** The internship position will be filled between January 15-18, 2019.

Other pertinent information:
- Selection will NOT utilize the Veterinary Internship/Residency Matching Program (VIRMP)
- After review of applications, a select number of applicants will be invited to interview via videoconference.
Application materials should be sent to:
Angela Duncan, DSACS Administrative Assistant at: alduncan@vt.edu
OR
Angela Duncan
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Electronic submission is preferred.

Questions regarding the ophthalmology internship or application process can be directed to Angela Duncan at alduncan@vt.edu or Dr. Ian Herring at iherring@vt.edu.