University of Missouri Shelter Medicine Internship

The University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine invites applicants for two Shelter Medicine Intern positions. The goal of this internship program is to prepare the intern for shelter medicine practice, general small animal practice with an interest in shelter medicine, or shelter medicine residency training. The intern will be directly supervised by two shelter medicine faculty members.

A Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or equivalent degree and eligibility for Missouri licensure are required. Previous completion of a rotating small animal internship is not a prerequisite.

Program Dates: 6/13/2016 to 6/23/2017

Salary: $25,500/year

Benefit: University Benefits plus $600 Professional Development fund assuming continual financial health of the Veterinary Health Center

Annual Leave: 10 days paid leave

Program Description

This internship will have three components:

1. High quality high volume spay neuter (HQHVSNN) surgical training: approximately 40%.

This will include training in HQHVSN techniques, opportunities for high volume surgical experience in a variety of settings, and supervision shared with a faculty member of third and fourth year veterinary students performing spay/neuter surgeries during a required shelter surgery rotation.

Locations for surgical training include a stationary spay/neuter surgical facility on university property and a mobile surgical unit that provides spay/neuter services on site at area shelters. Additional opportunities at non-university operated organizations such as local spay/neuter clinics and shelter surgical suites may be possible. The objectives of surgical training experiences include proficiency in performing high quality high volume surgical sterilization procedures, monitoring patients from selection through recovery, oversight of anesthesia and analgesia, and prevention and management of peri-operative complications. The intern will also be expected to participate in dental training opportunities and occasional non-elective surgical procedures.

2. Shelter medicine: approximately 40%.

A variety of local and regional animal shelters provide the opportunity to develop skills in patient evaluation, triage, and management. Other areas of competency achieved through shelter medicine practice will be prevention, recognition, and management of infectious diseases, development and implementation of medical and husbandry protocols, awareness of public health considerations, advocacy for behavioral welfare for each animal throughout shelter stay, application of life-saving population management principles, and implementation of standards of care from intake through outcome. Settings to develop these skills include local open and limited admission shelters under the direct supervision of faculty, supervising third and fourth year veterinary students, and practicing independently with backup and supervision from faculty as needed.
3. Rotations within the Veterinary Health Center (VHC) and outside the university as determined by the intern’s interests: approximately 20%.

Possible rotations through the VHC could include anesthesia, surgery (soft tissue and orthopedic), neurology, community practice/dentistry, ophthalmology, internal medicine, and/or radiology. Outside rotations could include dermatology, behavior, and/or general practice.

To Apply:

Please submit a cover letter detailing career interests and goals, a curriculum vitae, and 3 references to:

Connie Sievert, Administrative Assistant to VMS Dept. Chair,
E:mail: mucvmvmsadmin@missouri.edu

A phone or skype interview is required; an in-person interview is encouraged.

The application deadline is November 9, 2015. Decision notification will occur by November 25.

The program is restricted to United States Citizens, United States Permanent Residents (i.e. those holding a “Green Card”), or non-residents who have Employment Authorization from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service valid for the duration of the program. The School provides neither assistance for nor support for obtaining such Employment Authorization.

Our office does not sponsor H-1B, E-3, O-1 or J-1 visas or permanent residency applications for residents and interns. If you have questions regarding your immigration status and eligibility please contact the MU International Center at scholars@missouri.edu.

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