



CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Resident in Bovine Health Management (Full-Time Professional Doctorate Student) at UCD School of Veterinary Medicine

Informal queries to

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Applications are invited for a Resident in Bovine Health Management (Full-Time Professional Doctorate Student) at UCD School of Veterinary Medicine.

This is a 4-year training position, which aims to promote aptitude and proficiency in all aspects of the practice of bovine health management particularly in the context of internal medicine, surgery and the management of herd health.

The position will provide the candidate with the opportunity to pursue career goals in teaching, research and clinical service in the area of bovine health management.

The successful candidate will be involved with the delivery of clinical teaching duties in the UCD veterinary hospital, UCD Lyons farm as well as the delivery of herd health consultancy services as part of the UCD Herd Health Team. The programme will meet the training requirements for the European College of Bovine Health Management (ECBHM) and the Resident will be expected to enrol and successfully achieve credentials for the specialist examination of the ECBHM (<http://www.ecbhm.org/>).

Candidates must also enrol for a postgraduate professional doctorate qualification (Doctor of Veterinary Medical Specialisation - DVMS) in UCD. There will be a formal Stage Transfer Assessment for the professional doctorate at 18 months. The DVMS programme will require the publication of two research papers together with a Doctorate Thesis and will conclude with a Viva Voce examination.

Tax-free Student Stipend:

€27,000 – 29,000 depending on year of registration

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

The Resident has a clinical commitment of at least 36 weeks per annum. The remainder of the available time is for other scholarly activities including the conduct of a research programme, the writing of publications, participation in taught modules, attending conferences and other training opportunities, including externships.

Activities include:

In the UCD Veterinary Hospital (UCDVH), residents work under the direction of the Chief of Service. Senior residents may be allocated their own service.

Clinical service will involve weekday, evening and weekend duties, including public holidays, in the UCDVH, on a roster system as a regular part of duties.

The ECBHM training programme includes:

- Clinical training in the UCD Veterinary Hospital and in the context of herd health management on cooperating farms. Clinical training will initially be under close supervision of the chief of Service of the discipline, but as experience is gained, and at the discretion of a senior member of the academic staff, additional primary care responsibilities will be given.
- Regular communication (oral and written) with clients and referring veterinary surgeons.
- Completion of relevant research to ensure the requirements of the ECBHM residency and Professional doctorate programmes are fulfilled.
- Personal study and research.
- Clinical teaching to undergraduate veterinary students to include practicals in the area of farm animal husbandry and clinical skills.
- Completion of relevant modules as part of the Professional doctorate programme.
- Other tasks considered appropriate by their line management.

Residents are expected to acquire a sound knowledge of the relevant literature and skills of interpretation of that literature. Under guidance, the Resident will design and execute a research project, as part of study

for their specialist qualification and the professional doctorate. Results from this study should be submitted as an abstract to an appropriate conference and subsequently for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. The Resident will also be expected to write case reports or Review articles and to submit them for publication.

At the earliest opportunity, Residents will enrol for the examinations of the ECBHM. They will concentrate on gaining skills necessary for this examination i.e. collection of case records, writing of case reports, study of the curriculum for examination and execution of a research project. They will also enrol on the UCD Professional Doctorate Programme and avail of the associated modules. Residents will be required to attend and participate in the relevant training opportunities in the UCDVH (for example: Scientific Journal Reviews, Residents' Lecture and Seminar Series, tutorials and Rounds, including student Rounds and presentations). Each Resident will present a clinical research Seminar to UCDVH colleagues at twice a year. The Residents' activity log is to be submitted on a six-monthly basis to the Supervisor. Residents may be asked to carry out other tasks considered appropriate to their training by their Principal Supervisor(s).

Selection Criteria

Mandatory

- A veterinary qualification eligible for registration with the Veterinary Council of Ireland (www.vci.ie).
- Demonstration of a clear enthusiasm and interest in bovine health management and in obtaining specialist qualification in the discipline.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work in a team.
- Proficient speaking and writing skills in the English language
- A clean driving license
- Completion of a 1-1.5 year bovine internship and/or have a minimum of two years of clinical experience in mainly bovine practice since graduation (as per ECBHM guidelines).

Desirable

- A demonstrable interest in undergraduate teaching.
- Proven track record in presenting and teaching.
- A clear proven interest in clinical research.
- A postgraduate qualification and evidence of prior publications.
- Motivation to succeed.

Application procedure

Candidates should forward electronic copies of their current CV, letter of intent, proof of clinical experience and/or certificate of internship, university transcript from their veterinary degree, proof of English proficiency and contact details for three referees to catherine.mcaloon@ucd.ie, eoin.g.ryan@ucd.ie and sylvie.done@ucd.ie.

The closing date for application is 7th March 2026.

Short-listed applicants will be contacted regarding interviews. These are likely to be held in late March 2026 with a view to a May 2026 start date.