



Job Description

College/Management Unit	College of Health and Agricultural Sciences
School/Unit	School of Veterinary Medicine
Post Title & Subject Area (if relevant)	Resident in Small Animal Internal Medicine
Post Duration	4 years
Grade	Postgraduate student
Closing date	13:00 (Irish Time) Friday, 28 th February 2025

Position Summary

The School of Veterinary Medicine, University College Dublin invites applications for the position of Resident in Small Animal Internal Medicine to commence September 2025.

This is a four-year training position with the following aims:

- To provide clinical training in the field of small animal internal medicine in an approved ECVIM residency programme
- To obtain a professional doctorate (Doctor of Veterinary Medical Specialisation)
- To provide an introduction to and experience in clinical research
- To develop communication and teaching skills.

The Resident will be expected to enrol and successfully complete certification for the Diploma of the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine – Companion Animals (DECVIM-CA Internal Medicine).

The Resident must also enrol for a postgraduate professional doctorate qualification (Doctor of Veterinary Medical Specialisation – DVMS); <https://www.ucd.ie/vetmed/study/graduateprogrammes/professionaldoratedvms/>. There will be a formal Stage Transfer Assessment for the professional doctorate at approximately 18 months.

The successful applicant will have a veterinary qualification registrable by the Veterinary Council of Ireland (see www.vci.ie) and satisfy both VCI and UCD English language requirements ([Minimum English Language Requirements - UCD Registry](#)). A demonstrable interest in achieving specialist training and research skills in small animal medicine is required. Applicants must have completed a one-year rotating internship (or its equivalent) demonstrating broad training and experience as dictated by the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine – Companion Animals (ECVIM-CA) (www.ecvim-ca.org).

You will be joining a medicine team that currently includes six specialists in internal medicine and four internal medicine residents at various stages of training.

The hospital also has specialists in oncology, ECC, diagnostic imaging, anaesthesia and surgery with visiting specialists in cardiology and dermatology. The hospital is serviced by a team of nurses and interns (service specific and rotating).

Stipend: €24,000, increasing to €26,000 over the course of the following two years
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Principal Duties and Responsibilities

The Resident has a clinical training commitment of at least 36 weeks per annum. The remainder of the available time (12 weeks excluding holidays) is for other scholarly activities including the conduct of a research programme, the writing of publications and thesis preparation, participation in taught modules, attending conferences and other training opportunities, including externships.

Activities include:

- Regular communication with clients/referring veterinary surgeons
- Development of practical skills pertinent to the DECVIM-CA
- Participation in relevant research projects aiming for at least two publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals and submission of a DVMS thesis
- Regular participation in out-of-hours duties
- Teaching veterinary and veterinary nursing students during their clinical rotations
- Attendance at and participation in rounds, journal clubs, seminars and taught modules relevant for DECVIM-CA and DVMS
- Provision of support for interns and veterinary nurses
- Management of case, procedure and activity logs as dictated by the requirements of the ECVIM-CA and DVMS
- Other tasks considered appropriate by their line management

Selection Criteria

Selection criteria outline the qualifications, skills, knowledge and/or experience that the successful candidate would need to demonstrate for successful discharge of the responsibilities of the post. Applications will be assessed on the basis of how well candidates satisfy these criteria.

Mandatory

- A veterinary qualification eligible for registration with the Veterinary Council of Ireland (see www.vci.ie)
- VCI and UCD English language requirements; (see www.vci.ie) and ([Minimum English Language Requirements - UCD Registry](#))
- Completion of at least a one-year rotating internship or its equivalent (as per ECVIM-CA guidelines).
- Demonstration of a clear interest in small animal internal medicine and in obtaining further qualifications in the discipline
- A clear proven interest in clinical research
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work in a multidisciplinary team

Desirable

- A second internship devoted to internal medicine
- A demonstrable interest in undergraduate teaching
- Proven track record in presenting and teaching
- A postgraduate qualification and evidence of prior publications
- Motivation to succeed

Further Information for Candidates

The University:

www.ucd.ie

The School/Programme Office:

www.ucd.ie/vetmed

Relocation and Interview Expenses

Will not apply

Informal Enquiries ONLY to:

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Application procedure

Candidates should forward the following items to the section administrator nicola.garvey@ucd.ie by **13.00 (Irish time) Friday 28th February 2025**:

- Electronic copy of current curriculum vitae
- Letter of intent
- Proof of English proficiency (as per VCI and UCD requirements)
- Contact details for two referees

Short-listed applicants will be contacted regarding interviews. These are likely to be held in March 2025. The proposed start date is early September 2025.