

Ophthalmology and Rotating Internship advert Optivet October 2019

Optivet Referrals is currently looking for 2 interns, 1 in ophthalmology and 1 rotating, to join its team. The ideal candidates are veterinary surgeons with experience in general UK practice and have a strong interest in ophthalmology (ophthalmology intern) or that would like to broaden their post-graduate experience in a multidisciplinary referral hospital (rotating intern).

Optivet Referrals is one of the leading Veterinary Ophthalmology hospitals in the UK, with state-of-the-art facilities, that is rapidly expanding. In addition to Ophthalmology referrals we also accept surgical and medical referral cases. Our Ophthalmology team consists of 2 specialists, 2 registrars and 4 residents. The rest of the team consist of specialists in Surgery (ECVS diplomate), Internal Medicine (RCVS) and Anaesthesia (ACVAA diplomate) and an Anaesthesia resident and 2 Anaesthesia interns.

The ophthalmology caseload has lots of variety, both medical and surgical (uveitis, cataracts, glaucoma, corneal ulcers and grafts, entropion, face lifts, enucleations, etc..), and some very advanced ophthalmology procedures such as glaucoma surgery (endoscopic cyclophotocoagulation and gonio implant) and retinopexy and retinal reattachment surgery. The rest of the caseload includes orthopaedic and soft tissue surgeries, medicine procedures (E.g. endoscopies, bronchoscopies, biopsies) and computed tomography cases (both inpatients and outpatients). The majority of the small animal patients are dogs and cats (95%), with the remainder being exotics.

As an intern you will support the veterinary and nursing teams in the care of all patients. The ophthalmology intern will contribute mostly to the care of ophthalmology in-patients, to help in consults and surgeries and to provide an out-of-hours service. The rotating intern will be expected to contribute to all aspects of patient care, including medicine, surgery, anaesthesia and ophthalmology. You will attend a weekly Journal club. The whole Optivet team holds monthly grand and mortality/morbidity rounds, where the interns will be expected to present at least once.

The internship will have a duration of 12 months for which a competitive benefit package is offered. You will work 40 hours per week, mostly during the day including weekends, but some sporadic night shifts may be required, and to be on call on a 1:4 rota. You will receive 25 days holiday plus bank holidays per year, a generous CPD allowance, Pension, Private Medical Insurance and more. There will be a 3-month probationary period, during which the internship may be terminated by either party with a one-week notice period.

Optivet Referrals is located in Havant, Hampshire, in the South of England, near Portsmouth, Chichester, Winchester and Southampton, with easy train access to London city centre and 1 hour 20 min by car to Heathrow and Gatwick airports. The South of England enjoys more days of sun than the rest of the country, has beautiful beaches and is very close to nature reserves like the South Downs and the New Forest.

Candidates must be MRCVS, or eligible to register with the RCVS, and have the right to work in the UK (UK or EU citizenship, or with valid UK working VISA for the duration of the internship). If English is not their mother language, candidates must demonstrate strong spoken and written English skills.

For applications or for further information, interested candidates may contact Eva Rioja Garcia (eva@optivet.com). Application deadline is the 27th of October, and should include a letter of intent, the curriculum vitae and the contact details of two referees. The date of the interview is to be confirmed but will be shortly after the deadline.