

Ophthalmology internship at the Specialistische Dierenkliniek Utrecht (SDU)

The Specialistische Dierenkliniek Utrecht (SDU) is accepting applications for a one-year internship in veterinary ophthalmology. The SDU is a specialized clinic for referral clients in the areas of orthopedic and soft tissue surgery, internal medicine, radiology and ophthalmology. The Internship is a one-year, non-degree program under the guidance of an experienced board-certified specialist. The internship is scheduled to start in the third quarter (Q3) of 2021.

The goal of the internship is to prepare the intern to apply for an ECVO residency. The majority of the intern's time will be devoted to clinical work of ophthalmic cases. The intern should expect mentoring to be focused on the development of proficiency in diagnostic and therapeutic veterinary ophthalmology including an introduction to surgical ophthalmology in preparation for the hands-on surgical training reserved for a residency program. Depending on the ongoing studies, an intern might be invited to form part of a research project.

The ophthalmology clinic runs through Monday through Thursday (inclusive). Fridays are non-ophthalmic days spent in various amounts of time in imaging, anesthesia and/or internal medicine depending on need.

The intern will have the following functions (though the intern's functions are not exclusively limited to the points below):

- Receiving clients (including history taking)
- Assisting the ophthalmologist during consultations and surgeries
- Ophthalmology emergency duties for small animals shared throughout the year with a country-wide veterinary ophthalmology emergency group, under the supervision and guidance of the internship mentor, and will include weekdays/nights, weekends (day and nights) and some official holidays.
- Active participation in an ophthalmology journal club and ophthalmology textbook chapter is expected.
- The intern will also be expected to successfully complete one in-house presentation of a clinical case.
- The intern will also be expected to:
 - maintain the cleanliness and order of all working and staff areas
 - support the clinicians and nurses during ophthalmic/ophthalmic-related consultations and other specialties during non-ophthalmic days

Requirements:

- DVM, VMD or equivalent degree.
- Veterinarian in good standing without encumbrance in the jurisdiction of any EU country.
- Completion of a 12-month rotating veterinary internship, preferably.
- Applicants must be citizens of an EU member country or a permanent resident of an EU member country or have permission for residence in the Netherlands during the duration of the residency.

The position is remunerated with a salary based on "Dierenarts A" scale and includes 5 weeks of paid vacation per year in addition to the official holidays observed in the Netherlands. Upon completion of all the requirements of the internship program a 'Certificate of Internship' will be granted. The position is for 1 year. Extension of the

employment contract in the form of a residency program is a possibility, depending on proven capabilities and available residency place.

Interested veterinarians that meet the requirements can submit their resume and a personal letter of introduction and intent in addition to two letters of recommendation to Rick F Sanchez BSc Biol, DVM, DECVO, FHEA at rick.sanchez@anicura.nl. The application deadline is 14th of May 2021.