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Ophthalmology Internships – 3 positions available

Optivet Referrals is currently looking for 3 ophthalmology interns, one to start immediately, one to start 1ˢᵗ of November 2021 and one to start the 6ᵗʰ of April 2022. The ideal candidates are veterinary surgeons with a strong interest in ophthalmology. The candidates ideally will have some previous experience in general practice in UK.

Optivet Referrals is one of the leading Veterinary Ophthalmology hospitals in the UK, with state-of-the-art facilities, that is rapidly expanding and accepts referral surgical and medical cases apart from ophthalmology referrals. The Ophthalmology team consists of 1 Ophthalmology specialist, 2 ECVO trained Ophthalmologists, 1 Advanced Practitioner Ophthalmologist, 1 Certificate holder Ophthalmologist and 2 Ophthalmology residents. The rest of the team includes a specialist Surgeon (ECVS diplomate), a specialist in Internal Medicine (RCVS), a specialist Anaesthetist (ACVAA diplomate), an Anaesthesia resident and a total of 5 interns (2 rotating, 2 ophthalmology and 1 anaesthesia interns).

The ophthalmology caseload includes a wide variety of cases, both medical and surgical (uveitis, cataracts, glaucoma, corneal ulcers and grafts, entropion, face lifts, enucleations, etc..), including some very advanced ophthalmology surgeries 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 patients are dogs and cats (95%), and the remainder are exotics.

The responsibilities of the interns will be to support the veterinary team and the nursing team in the care of all patients. The ophthalmology intern will be expected to contribute to the care of ophthalmology in-patients, to help in consults, surgery and anaesthesia, and to provide out-of-hours service. The Ophthalmology team hold weekly Journal club

meetings, which the interns are expected to attend. The whole Optivet team holds monthly grand rounds and mortality/morbidity rounds, where the interns will be expected to present at least once.

The internship will have a duration of 12 months. A competitive and attractive benefit package is offered. The interns will be expected to work 40 hours per week (distributed over 5 days) and to cover different shifts (days and nights). Holidays are 25 working days plus statutory bank holidays and your birthday. The CPD allowance is 5 days. 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. If English is not their first language, candidates should have passed an English test as per the RCVS requirements (https://www.rcvs.org.uk/registration/applications-veterinary-surgeons/).

For applications or for further information, interested candidates may contact Eva Rioja Garcia (eva@optivet.com), Clinical Lead or Emma Phillips (emma.phillips@optivet.com) People Lead. There is no application deadline and we will accept applications until the positions are filled. The application should include a letter of intent, the curriculum vitae and the contact details of two references. The date of the interview will be agreed with each of the candidates individually.

We can't wait to hear from you!