

# Veterinary Ophthalmology Internship Position at Lumbry Park Veterinary Specialists in Alton, Hampshire, United Kingdom

We are offering an exciting opportunity for a veterinary surgeon interested in a career in Veterinary Ophthalmology who possesses the right combination of a strong work ethic, a sense of humour, and an open-minded approach to join our excellent and dedicated Ophthalmology Service. You will become part of our Specialist-led multi-disciplinary clinical team, which includes highly motivated residents, specialty and general interns, highly skilled nurses, and incredible support teams.

The ophthalmology internship will encompass a variety of responsibilities aimed at supporting department operations. These tasks include contributing to inpatient care, conducting consultations, assisting with student teaching, handling emergency cases under supervision, assuming primary care responsibilities, performing diagnostic procedures, and participating in surgeries. This role offers comprehensive exposure to both medical and surgical patient management and provides experience working within a referral team. Additionally, interns will be encouraged to participate in clinical research. The ophthalmology internship will prepare the candidate effectively for a seamless transition into an approved residency training program.

The ophthalmology internship position is full-time (40-hour week); and the successful candidate will contribute to our weekdays/weekends/bank holidays on call and out of hours ophthalmology clinic rotas.

The ideal applicant will have a minimum of two years of experience in general practice or completion of a rotating internship at a multi-disciplinary hospital. While a postgraduate qualification in ophthalmology would be advantageous, it is not mandatory. Proficiency in both written and spoken English at an excellent level is expected.

The application for this position should include 1) a letter of intent 2) curriculum vitae 3) contact details of two referees. The successful applicant will need to hold a UK valid current driving licence and be a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (MRCVS). College transcripts will only be required from successful candidates after the interview process.

## **Benefits:**

We offer a very generous remuneration and CPD package for internships. Furthermore, we support further career progression with a generous CPD (Continuing Professional Development) allowance and associated time off. CVS provides a wide range of internal CPD courses, not exclusively focused on clinical work, allowing those interested in diversifying their skill set to benefit.

We are deeply committed to supporting the well-being of our staff. Our wellness program includes an Employee Assistance Programme with Health Assured, an optional health shield cash plan,

Mental Health First Aiders, and Wellbeing Champions within the practice. We also have a refresh fund that provides breakfast mornings, among other initiatives.

#### **About us**

Lumbry Park Veterinary Specialists is a large specialist-led multidisciplinary referral hospital providing veterinary referral services across the South of England including London, the south coast and the Thames Valley. Our services include Ophthalmology, Anaesthesia and Analgesia, Cardiology, Dermatology, Diagnostic Imaging, Emergency and Critical Care, Internal Medicine, Neurology and Neurosurgery, Orthopaedic and Soft Tissue Surgery; and Physiotherapy. The hospital is an ISFM gold feline clinic and was awarded the BVHA design award for an outstanding working environment. We are part of CVS (UK) Ltd, the largest provider of integrated veterinary services in the UK; the referrals division currently operates eight referral hospitals in the UK and Ireland.

Our service boasts fully equipped Ophthalmology-specific consulting rooms, as well as an Ophthalmology surgical suite complete with slit lamp biomicroscopes, direct and indirect ophthalmoscopes, a fundus camera, an anterior segment camera/macro-lens, tonometers (tonovets and tonopens), gonioscopy lenses, an ERG machine, an operating microscope with a viewing screen, a phacoemulsification machine, and a cryotherapy unit. Our Ophthalmology service also conducts regular BVA/KC/ISDS EYE testing sessions. Additionally, we have a 1.5T MRI, a state-of-the-art CT scanner, digital radiography, and high-end ultrasound units. An in-house laboratory with a cytology microscope is also available. We collaborate extensively with other services within the hospital to optimize patient care.

## Location

Lumbry Park Veterinary Specialists hospital is situated on the edge of the beautiful South Downs with ample opportunity for outdoor activities and plenty of cosy Hampshire pubs to explore. We are 40 minutes from the south coast and less than an hour from London with easy access to several major airports making our location excellent in so many respects.

# **Important dates**

Applications should be submitted by 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023, please use this link for submission <a href="https://www.careerswithcvs.co.uk/jobs/vacancy/17360/description">https://www.careerswithcvs.co.uk/jobs/vacancy/17360/description</a>. Short-listed candidates will be invited for interview on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023. For informal discussion regarding the programme please contact Renata Stavinohova, Head of the Ophthalmology Department, at <a href="mailto:Renata.Stavinohova@cvsvets.com">Renata.Stavinohova@cvsvets.com</a>