



Residency in Veterinary Ophthalmology at the University of Zürich, Switzerland

The University of Zürich, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine is accepting applications from qualified individuals for a three-year clinical ophthalmology residency. This program will begin September 1st, 2017 and has the primary objectives of successfully training an academic or private practice veterinary ophthalmologist and preparing the resident for the successful completion of the European College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ECVO) board certification process.

This includes the responsibility for hospital patients and training in the medical and surgical aspects of veterinary ophthalmology, including large and small domestic animals, non-domestic and laboratory animals. A spacious and modern small animal clinic with all of the diagnostic and surgical equipment necessary for excellent training opportunities and state-of-the-art veterinary care has been opened in August 2010. The secondary objectives are to introduce the resident to basic scientific and/or clinical ophthalmic research and to develop effective clinical and didactic teaching skills. The resident will therefore assist in the instruction of veterinary medical students, interns and other residents.

Weekly rounds for review of the veterinary and human ophthalmic literature, bi-weekly ocular pathology reviews attended by the ophthalmology faculty and board-certified pathologists and weekly clinic rounds to discuss diagnostic and surgical cases in-depth are provided. Presentations at in-house rounds and seminars and at the ECVO Residents Forum are required and attendance at the ACVO Basic Science Course is ensured. The resident is required to complete a research project and submit two written manuscripts for publication in a peer-reviewed journal prior to completion of the residency. These publications must be "accepted for publication" prior to the end date of the residency program. The responsibility for our ophthalmology emergency duty is shared with a second ophthalmology resident and an ophthalmology intern.

Pre-requisites for acceptance into the program are:

1. DVM degree or its equivalent.
2. One year general internship.
3. A fair to good command of the German language, or the willingness to sufficiently master the language within one year is imperative to be able to function in a clinical situation with frequent and intensive doctor-client contacts.



The following application materials are required:

1. A personal statement describing background, reasons for applying to the residency and career goals.
2. Current curriculum vitae
3. Three letters of recommendation from faculty members or practitioners who have worked directly with the candidate. These letters should address aptitude and performance in intellectual and creative pursuits pertinent to scientific research, knowledge of veterinary medicine, clinical and surgical skills, ability to apply knowledge in a clinical situation, and ability to communicate and work with others. These letters should be sent directly by the letter writer to the application address below; they should not be forwarded by the applicant.
4. Official transcripts from all post secondary institutions (veterinary schools) attended.

Questions regarding the residency program or the residency application process can be directed to Dr. Katrin Voelter at kvoelter@vetclinics.uzh.ch or to Prof. Simon Pot at spot@vetclinics.uzh.ch.

Applications must be received by April 30st, 2017. Application review and interviews will take place during the month of May and the applicants will be notified by the end of May 2017.

Application materials should preferably be sent electronically to spot@vetclinics.uzh.ch. Written applications can be sent to:

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