



Job Description

College/Management Unit	UCD College of Health and Agricultural Sciences
School/Unit	School of Veterinary Medicine
Post Title & Subject Area (if relevant)	Resident in Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia
Post Duration	4 years
Grade	Postgraduate Student
Closing date	17 February 2025

Position Summary

The School of Veterinary Medicine, University College Dublin, Ireland, invites applications for the position of **Resident in Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia** to commence May 1st, 2025.

This is a four-year training position with the following aims:

- To gain clinical training in veterinary anaesthesia and analgesia in an ECVA A approved residency programme, and to eventually pass the ECVA A Diploma exams
- To obtain a professional doctorate (Doctor of Veterinary Medical Specialisation, DVMS)
- To provide an introduction of and experience in clinical research
- To develop communication and teaching skills

The Resident will be expected to enroll and successfully complete credentials for the Diploma of the European College of Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia.

They must also enroll for a postgraduate professional doctorate qualification (Doctor of Veterinary Medical Specialisation, DVMS). There will be a formal Stage Transfer Assessment for the Professional Doctorate at 18 months upon which continuation in the programme depends. For more information, please visit <https://www.ucd.ie/vetmed/study/graduateprogrammes/professionaldoratedvms/>

The successful applicant must have a veterinary qualification registrable by the Veterinary Council of Ireland (see www.vci.ie).

A special interest in achieving further qualifications in veterinary anaesthesia is required. Applicants must have completed a rotating internship or its equivalent demonstrating broad training and experience in anaesthesia and supporting disciplines as dictated by the European College of Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia (<https://www.ecvaa.org/become-specialist>).

Tax-free Student Stipend:

€24,000 – €26,000 depending on year of registration

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

The Resident has a clinical commitment of at least 36 weeks per annum. The remainder of the available time is for other scholarly activities including the conduct of a research programme, the writing of publications, participation in taught modules, attending conferences and other training opportunities, including externships.

During their clinical training Residents will process clinical (referral) cases under the direct supervision of an ECVAA Diplomate or equivalent.

Additional activities include:

- Participation in relevant (clinical) research projects aiming for two publications in peer reviewed scientific journals, and submission of a DVMS thesis.
- Regular participation in out-of-hours duties on 1:3 or 1:4 schedule
- Teaching veterinary and veterinary nursing students through lectures, practicals and tutorials and in small groups during their clinical rotations
- Attendance at and participation in rounds, journal clubs, seminars and taught credit-bearing modules relevant for DVMS and ECVAA credentials
- Provision of support for veterinary interns and nurses
- Management of case, procedure and activity logs as dictated by requirements of ECVAA and DVMS programme
- Other tasks considered appropriate by their line manager

Selection Criteria

Selection criteria outline the qualifications, skills, knowledge and/or experience that the successful candidate would need to demonstrate for successful discharge of the responsibilities of the post. Applications will be assessed on the basis of how well candidates satisfy these criteria.

Mandatory

- A veterinary qualification eligible for registration with the Veterinary Council of Ireland (www.vci.ie).
- Completion of a period of 1 - 2 year(s) prior to beginning the residency which should cover a range of clinical veterinary disciplines. This 'pre-residency training' shall consist of a rotating internship or equivalent approved by the ECVAA Education and Recertification Committee (<https://www.ecvaa.org/become-specialist>)
- Demonstration of a clear interest in obtaining a further qualification in anaesthesia and analgesia
- Demonstration of a strong interest and motivation in gaining the UCD Professional Doctorate (DVMS)
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work in a team
- Proficient speaking and writing skills in the English language
- Motivation to succeed

Desirable

- Familiarity with small and large animal anaesthesia techniques
- Clear proven interest in clinical research
- Interest in undergraduate teaching and a proven track record in presenting and teaching
- Postgraduate qualification and / or evidence of prior publications

Further Information for Candidates

Supplementary information

The University:	http://www.ucd.ie/aboutucd.htm
The School/Programme Office/Unit:	http://www.ucd.ie/vetmed/

Relocation Expenses

Will not apply

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Application procedure

Candidates should forward the following items, in English, to the section administrator emma.golding@ucd.ie **by 17:00 (Irish time) Monday 17 February 2025**.

- Current curriculum vitae outlining how you fulfil the criteria above
- Letter of intent
- Proof of relevant clinical experience and/or certificate of rotating internship
- University transcript from veterinary degree (translated into English). A hard copy of this will be required if you are called for interview
- Contact details for two referees who can provide a reference in English
- Proof of proficiency in English (if appropriate)

Interested applicants are strongly advised to visit UCD Veterinary Hospital in person prior to the interviews.

Short-listed applicants will be contacted regarding interviews. These are likely to be held online (or in person if possible) in February 2025 with proposed start date on May 1st, 2025.