

College Management Unit:	College of Health & Agricultural Sciences
School Unit:	School of Veterinary Medicine
Post Title & Subject Area (if relevant)	Intern in Small Animal Internal Medicine
Post Duration:	Temporary 1 year post
Line Manager	Head of School or Nominee
Grade:	House Surgeon
Competition Ref. N^o	018127
HR Administrator	Jagoda Wychowaniak
Relocation Expenses	N.A
Garda Vetting	N/A

Position Summary:

The Small Animal Medicine (SAM) Service of University College Dublin Veterinary Hospital (UCDVH) handles mainly referral internal medicine cases, and a very small number of first opinion cases. The intern in SAM is an integral member of the team, assisting with consultations, diagnostic investigations, and care of animals under the direct supervision of residents and senior clinicians in the speciality.

General clinical duties:

- Assisting residents and Senior Clinicians with case processing, diagnostic procedures, and patient care
- Maintaining accurate hospital records, and checking that all vital information has been recorded daily
- Assist in routine client and referring veterinary surgeon communication (when appropriate) including advising clients in relation to case progression, post-hospital care and case follow-up
- Keeping drugs and instruments under secure conditions as directed by the Head of Discipline; maintaining the treatments register and the Controlled Drugs Register
- Informing clients of appropriate charges for services provided at the time of admission, and being instrumental in collecting same in conjunction with administrative staff
- Making concerted efforts to develop and maintain good relationships with referring veterinary surgeons and clients, and help promote a positive image of the School of Veterinary Medicine and the UCDVH
- Maintain all hospital protocols with special attention to hand hygiene, barrier nursing requirements, and isolation protocols in accordance with UCDVH Infection Control Manual and hospital best practice to minimize nosocomial infections
- Discharging of patients with appropriate advice and medication
- Assisting with the conduction of clinical research
- Attend discipline seminars and meetings, when deemed appropriate; in particular, attend medicine rounds twice weekly (Tuesday and Thursday mornings) when duties allow
- Participate and present journal club and one resident's seminar in the year
- Aim to produce one case report for publication within the year
- Processing of routine cases attending the First Opinion clinic
- Maintain all hospital protocols with special attention to hand hygiene, barrier nursing requirements, and isolation protocols in accordance with UCDVH Infection Control Manual and hospital best practice to minimize nosocomial infections

Students on Small Animal Internal Medicine Rotation (veterinary medicine and nursing students):

- Allocation of cases to students
- Supervision of students performing routine medical procedures and treatment rounds
- Supervision of students during daily patient assessment and SOAPing; ensuring maintenance of complete and accurate medical records
- Provide individual or small group tuition to final year students in history-taking, general physical examination, problem identification and differential diagnosis list generation, diagnostic and therapeutic planning under the guidance of senior staff
- Provide tutorials to students in routine de-worming/vaccination protocols, exotic diseases and the pet passport scheme

Night-time and weekend duties and ways of working:

- Weekend and night-time duties will be equally shared between the small animal interns
- The intern will be scheduled on the night shift in a 1-in-5 rota, including weekend cover
- The intern will be scheduled on the day shift for weekend cover in a 1-in-5 rota
- The intern on evening duty will manage all routine and intensive care cases of hospitalised patients, with access to back-up residents (small animal internal medicine, small animal surgery, anaesthesia, diagnostic imaging) and senior clinicians for advice and assistance if required. Interns will also be expected to organise and supervise students in the hospital during the evening and night shifts
- Transfer of cases back to the daytime staff will occur between 7 - 8 am (usually before 8am daily)
- Assisting the resident on duty with case transfers from the Pet Emergency Hospital (PEH)
- Holidays may not be taken during periods when the intern is rostered on night shifts

Salary: 95 House Surgeon_2010 (5212_X) € 32,576

Appointment will be made on scale and in accordance with the Department of Finance guidelines.

Details on eligibility to compete and pension information is available at

<https://www.ucd.ie/hr/resourcing/eligibilitytocompete/>

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<https://www.ucd.ie/workatucd/diversity/>

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:

- Veterinary degree which can be registered with the Veterinary Council of Ireland (<http://www.vci.ie>)
- Proficient in the English language – IELTS overall band score of 7 (or above) or equivalent qualification (VCI registration requirements: <https://www.vci.ie/Register-with-VCI/Registration-Requirement>)
- A demonstrable interest in Small Animal Internal Medicine particularly in pursuing and attaining a successful residency in the discipline
- Excellent communication and inter-personal skills
- High level of professionalism
- Ability to work effectively as a team member
- An interest in undergraduate teaching
- Sufficient experience to enable effective after hours care of hospitalised patients, including ICU

Desirable:

- Good computer skills and sound knowledge of Microsoft Office suite, email and the internet
- A minimum of one-year clinical experience post-graduation, although exceptional new graduates may also be considered
- Sound knowledge and experience of referral practice
- Experience of undergraduate teaching.
- An interest in research in the field of small animal internal medicine

Supplementary information:

The University:	https://www.ucd.ie/
UCD Strategy 2024-2030: Breaking	https://strategy.ucd.ie/
The College/Management Unit:	https://www.ucd.ie/chas/
The School/Programme Office/Unit:	www.ucd.ie/vetmed http://www.ucd.ie/vthweb/
Equality Diversity and Inclusion at UCD	https://www.ucd.ie/workatucd/diversity/

Informal Enquiries ONLY to:

Please note this section is optional. Applications will be addressed to an assigned HR administrator.

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Conditions specific to this post (if any):

- The appointee must have a veterinary degree which can be registered with the Veterinary Council of Ireland (limited registration is possible in certain circumstances)
- The applicant's experience must be sufficient to enable them to provide effective after-hours care to a range of small animal patients, including intensive care patients.
- **The start date for this role is the 26th May 2025**
- **Contract is for one year (53 weeks), with the post ending on 1st June 2026**
- There is no specific conference or training allowance associated with this position