



College Management Unit:	UCD College of Health & Agricultural Sciences
School Unit:	School of Veterinary Medicine
Post Title & Subject Area (if relevant)	Intern in Small Animal Anaesthesia
Post Duration:	Temporary 1-year post
Line Manager	Head of School or Nominee
Grade:	House Surgeon
Competition Ref. N^o	018133
HR Administrator	Natalia McDonagh

Position Summary:

General tasks:

- Reports to the anaesthesia discipline leader and Intern management group.
- Provide assistance to anaesthesia chief-of-service on an ongoing basis.
- Assist with research undertaken by staff anaesthetists and residents.
- Assist with maintaining anaesthesia supplies and updating of lists of drugs and consumables.
- Assist with updating of protocols for anaesthesia, monitoring and related equipment.
- Assist with care, maintenance and servicing of anaesthesia, monitoring and related equipment.
- Ensure all anaesthesia and related charges are correctly entered on the hospital computer system.
- If not required for hospital duties, the intern may attend Resident seminars, anaesthesia Journal Club and other training opportunities.

Anaesthesia Service specific duties:

- Attend every morning by 7:45 am for anaesthetic premedication.
- Carry out pre-anaesthetic assessment of patients, including organising and performing of relevant diagnostic procedures with student assistance and/or staff supervision.
- Perform sedation and general anaesthesia and related procedures, for small animal patients, with student assistance and/or staff supervision.
- Assist with case scheduling by being proactive and effectual in prompt anaesthetic case management.
 - Ensuring patients have times scheduled for pre-medication, induction of anaesthesia, operating room, diagnostic imaging etc and that these are adhered to.
 - Ensuring patients and their files are brought to the induction room in adequate time for pre-medication.
 - Ensuring scheduling occurs so that overlapping of patients is possible when requested by clinicians.
 - Ensuring IV cannula placement, induction of anaesthesia, clipping and prepping occur as swiftly as possible to meet procedure / operating room deadlines.
- Recovering patients from anaesthesia and moving to ICU or wards.
- Writing up post-operative analgesic and fluid therapy plans.
- Completing anaesthetics and recovery as required.
- Assisting with diagnostic imaging procedures as scheduled.
- Developing own anaesthetic case responsibility.
- Interns are expected to demonstrate self-directed learning with an expectation of improvement in clinical skills as the year progresses.

Veterinary Medicine Students on Anaesthesia Rotation:

- Provide general assistance and supervision including pre-anaesthetic assessment, placing IV cannula, administering drugs, endotracheal intubation, maintenance of anaesthesia, provision of fluid therapy, provision of intra and post-operative analgesia, accurate recording of anaesthetic related events.
- Discussion of cases with students, individually, in small groups and/or in tutorials as appropriate.
- Assist with provision of handouts, questionnaires and continuous assessment examinations.
- Assist with anaesthesia practical classes as required.
- Assist in assessment of veterinary students on rotation.

Night-time and weekend duties and ways of working:

- Weekend and night-time duties will be equally shared between the small animal interns.
- The anaesthesia intern will be scheduled on the night shift in a 1-in-5 rota, including weekend cover.
- The anaesthesia 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 8 am daily)
- Holidays may not be taken during periods when the intern is rostered on night shifts.

UCD Veterinary Hospital:

- Maintaining hospital records, and checking that all appropriate information has been recorded daily, including pricing of procedures on the hospital computer system.
- Keeping drugs and instruments under secure conditions as directed by Chief of Service; maintaining the treatments register especially anaesthetic records and the Controlled Drugs Register.
- Making concerted efforts to develop and maintain good relationships with referring veterinary surgeons and clients, and help promote a positive image of the School and UCD Veterinary Hospital.
- Full care of hospitalised in-patients especially after-hours.
- Discharge patients with appropriate advice and medication after-hours as required.
- Consult with senior clinicians regarding treatment and care of patients.
- Co-ordinate treatment lists with senior nurses, residents and senior clinicians.
- Assist senior clinicians with procedures.
- Keep a log book of cases.
- Present at least one journal club and resident seminar in the year.
- Aim to produce one case report for publication within the year.

Salary: €32,576 per annum

Details on eligibility to compete and pension information is available at

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

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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 demonstrated interest in veterinary anaesthesia particularly in pursuing and attaining a successful residency in the discipline.
- Excellent communication and inter-personal skills.
- Ability to work effectively as a team member.
- High level of professionalism.
- An interest in undergraduate supervision and teaching
- Sufficient experience to enable effective after hours care of hospitalised patients

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 anaesthesia.

Supplementary information:

The University:	https://www.ucd.ie/
UCD Strategy 2025-2030: Breaking Boundaries	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 26th of 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