



UCD School of Veterinary Medicine

UCD Veterinary Hospital Small Animal Internship

An internship programme offers an excellent opportunity for any veterinary surgeon, in particular recent graduates, to gain further training in veterinary medicine and enhance their knowledge and clinical skills.

The UCD Veterinary Hospital offers both rotating and discipline specific internship programmes:

- Small Animal Rotating Internship
- Small Animal Internal Medicine
- Small Animal Surgery
- Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care
- Anaesthesia

“This year of comprehensive broad postgraduate training and experience prepares a veterinarian for high-quality service in practice or for training in an area of specialisation.”

(ECVIM-CA internship information brochure)

A rotating internship is composed by a variety of clinical rotations across most services in the UCD Veterinary Hospital. Rotating interns are rostered for Small Animal Internal Medicine, Small Animal Oncology, Small Animal Surgery, Small Animal Anaesthesia and for the Hospital Intensive Care Unit (ICU). In each rotation, they work under supervision of both European and American recognised specialists, alongside residents and experienced veterinary nursing staff, in an outstanding multidisciplinary referral hospital.

All interns provide out-of-hours (OOH) care to hospitalised patients, and are scheduled for night duty, weekends and public holidays day cover on a rotating basis.

The number of internship positions available at UCD Veterinary Hospital has increased over the past few years, and we have now a total of ten positions every year (6 rotating interns and 4 speciality interns).

All interns are encouraged to prepare a manuscript for publication (e.g. *What's Your Diagnosis*, case report, or retrospective study). They are also scheduled to present a Resident Seminar and one undergraduate presentation on a topic of their choice during the internship year. Directed didactic teaching is provided throughout the year, including a wet lab delivered under the supervision of specialists in Anaesthesia, Surgery, Internal Medicine, and Emergency and Critical Care.

The internship is an important year to become more familiar with referral work and find (or confirm), your particular area of interest. For those interested to pursue specialist training, this is a fundamental step in your career development, and for those wishing to return to general practice an excellent training programme to advance your clinical skills. The internship is also a unique and amazing opportunity to meet like-minded people and create a group of friends in and out of work.

UCDVH internship programme has an excellent reputation and a significant number of our interns went on to complete a post graduate clinical training in a specific discipline (residency), and became a recognised veterinary boarded specialist.

Additional information:

The UCD Veterinary Hospital selection criteria outline the qualifications, clinical knowledge and skills, and/or experience that the successful candidate should demonstrate:

- A Veterinary degree which can be registered with the Veterinary Council of Ireland (<http://www.vci.ie>)
- One year experience as a qualified veterinary surgeon (desirable), although new graduates are also considered, depending on basic clinical experience and references.
- Highly motivated veterinary surgeon, keen to improve clinical skills and knowledge
- Pro-active, with a positive attitude and ability to work under pressure
- Excellent communication and inter-personal skills
- High level of spoken and written English
- Ability to work effectively as a team member
- High level of professionalism
- An interest in undergraduate teaching
- A clear interest in pursuing further training, and ideally a residency programme (desirable)

English Language requirements:

All interns must be able to communicate clearly in English with hospital staff, students and clients. A prove of recent English language proficiency such as IELTS (academic) test or equivocal is encouraged, although not compulsory for the internship programme

Positions are advertised internally in the UCD webpage

(https://my.corehr.com/pls/ucdrecruit/erg_search_package.search_form?p_company=1&p_internal_external=E), and externally in Vet Record. Vacancies are typically advertised approximately 4–5 months in advance of the **May** and **September** intakes.

Informal enquiries can be made to Dr Carles Blasi Brugué (carles.blasi@ucd.ie) or the relevant head of service.