

Specialty Equine Ophthalmology/Rotating Internship

The Auburn University, College of Veterinary Medicine is accepting applications for a combined specialty equine ophthalmology/rotating internship. The equine ophthalmology service at Auburn University is a busy service housed in the JT Vaughan Large Animal Teaching Hospital. The equine ophthalmology service provides training in equine, food animal, and exotic ophthalmology. Applicants with an equine background and a strong interest in equine ophthalmology are encouraged to apply. The equine ophthalmology service is supported primarily by two members of the ACVO: Drs. Richard McMullen and Phillip Anthony Moore, with Dr. Shannon Boveland also assisting in emergency coverage. The equine ophthalmology service has a dedicated service technician, two ophthalmology residents (one third-year and one first-year), and a specialty ophthalmology intern. The successful applicant will spend approximately 50% of their internship with the equine ophthalmology service and 50% with the other equine specialty services (internal medicine, surgery, anesthesia, radiology, and ambulatory). The specialty intern's clinic schedule will be developed with the intern, equine ophthalmology faculty and the other participating services based on their individual needs and the specialty intern's goals.

The successful applicant will be mentored extensively in equine ophthalmology and equine veterinary practice and will include ophthalmic and physical examinations, case management and surgery. Emergency duty will be expected as a compliment to the veterinarians in the equine sections of the assigned rotations. Additional expectations include: scientific presentation to colleagues at Auburn University, completion of a publishable case report or retrospective study, regular attendance of section rounds, and maintaining a daily case log.

The goal of the specialty equine ophthalmology/rotating internship is to prepare the successful applicant for a future in a residency role, or to be able to transition into practice as a well-rounded and confident asset.

The application deadline is March 15, 2022. Applications should include a letter of intent, CV, and three letters of reference via email to Dr. Richard McMullen (rjm0040@auburn.edu) All applicants must hold a DVM or equivalent degree and have completed a rotating internship or have at least one year of comparable practice experience. The official start date of the specialty equine ophthalmology/rotating internship will be July 18, 2022. Salary for the specialty equine ophthalmology/rotating internship is \$26,000.00. All specialty interns are enrolled in graduate school. Tuition expenses, including insurance, for the equine ophthalmology/rotating intern will be paid through the Department of Clinical Sciences.

All specialty interns at Auburn University enrolled in graduate school must be able to meet entrance requirements for the AU Graduate School (the GRE is waived, see below). All interns must be enrolled in the graduate school throughout their program. Specialty interns are considered non-degree seeking graduate students.

Graduate school: Admission requirements to the Auburn University Graduate School must be fulfilled if selected as the ophthalmology intern; however, the GRE requirement is waived. Original transcripts for all college coursework will be required for the position.

International candidates: If an international candidate is accepted as an ophthalmic intern, all international applicants must submit an official score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language

(TOEFL) directly to the Auburn University Graduate School from the Education Testing Service or International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Exemptions are considered on a case-by-case basis by the Graduate School, depending on their official government language and medium of instruction. Students must score at least 550 on the paper TOEFL (pBT), 213 on the computer TOEFL (cBT), and 79 on the internet TOEFL (iBT) or 6.5 Overall Band Score on the IELTS to be considered for admission. On the iBT, students must score a minimum of 16 on the four component parts of the iBT (reading, speaking, and writing).

Licensure: If a candidate is accepted into the ophthalmology internship program, all requirements must be met to hold and maintain a faculty license in the State of Alabama. – See <https://asbvmc.alabama.gov/> and click “licensees”, “forms”, then “faculty application” for information on licensure requirements.

Background check: Employment at Auburn University is contingent upon verification of credentials and successful completion of a background check.

The specialty equine ophthalmology/rotating internship will be no more than one year in length. Membership in the AVMA is required to begin the internship in order to obtain professional liability insurance paid by the department. Faculty state licensure by examination is required and the fee is reimbursed by the Department of Clinical Sciences. Any required work permits or visas are the responsibility of the applicant.

For general information contact Renee Huston (rah0022@auburn.edu), Department of Clinical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, 1390 Hoerlein Hall, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36849-5540 (phone 334-844-8513). More information about Auburn University, College of Veterinary Medicine and the community can be found at the University web sites: www.auburn.edu or www.vetmed.auburn.edu. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

For more information concerning the specialty equine ophthalmology/rotating internship, the applicants may contact Dr. Richard McMullen at rjm0040@auburn.edu.

The candidate(s) selected for this position must be able to meet eligibility requirements to work in the United States at the time the appointments are scheduled to begin and must be able to communicate effectively in English.

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