

Internship in Veterinary Ophthalmology at the University of Zürich, Switzerland.

The University of Zürich, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, is accepting applications from qualified individuals for a one-year clinical ophthalmology internship. This program will begin January 8th, 2024, and has the goal to provide a successful candidate with an intensive clinical and basic surgical training experience related to the practice of comparative veterinary ophthalmology. In addition, the program will help prepare the candidate for admission into an ophthalmology residency training program. The internship includes training in the medical and basic surgical aspects of veterinary ophthalmology, including large and small domestic animals, and non-domestic animals. Surgical training includes enucleation, bulbus prolapse reposition, eyelid tumor removal and/or eyelid laceration repair, etc.. Corneal and intraocular surgical training are not a part of the internship program. The ophthalmology-dedicated intern will work alongside five senior clinicians, two residents and two ophthalmology-dedicated technicians and take responsibility for ambulatory and stationary patients of the veterinary ophthalmology section. Secondary objectives are to develop effective clinical and didactic teaching skills and to introduce the intern to ophthalmic research. The intern will therefore assist in the instruction of veterinary medical students. The intern will have the opportunity to participate for non-credit hours in didactic teaching seminars (journal club, literature review and ocular histopathology rounds) which are provided to the ophthalmology residents. The ophthalmology-dedicated intern will also be required to participate in the ongoing clinical research within the section and in in-house presentations, rounds and seminars. The responsibility for our ophthalmology emergency duty (excluding nights) is shared with the two ophthalmology residents.

Pre-requisites for acceptance into the program are:

1. DVM degree or equivalent.
2. One year general internship or alternative postgraduate experience is preferable.
3. **A fair to good command of the German language is imperative** to be able to function in a clinical situation with frequent and intensive doctor-client contacts.

The following application materials are required:

1. A personal statement describing background, reasons for applying to the internship and career goals.
2. Current curriculum vitae
3. One to two letters of recommendation from faculty members or practitioners who have worked directly with the candidate. These letters should address aptitude and performance in intellectual and creative pursuits pertinent to scientific research, knowledge of veterinary medicine, clinical skills, ability to apply knowledge in a clinical situation, and ability to communicate and work with others. These letters should be sent directly by the letter writer to the application email address below; they should not be forwarded by the applicant.
4. Veterinary School transcript. A scanned copy or a scanned copy from your school's website is sufficient. An official transcript is not needed.

Applications must be received by August 15th, 2023. Application materials should be sent electronically to gschmid@vetclinics.uzh.ch.

All applications will be reviewed. If necessary, two to three applicants will be notified and invited for an interview, either in person or by phone, in August or September 2023. The successful candidate will be notified by October 1st 2023, shortly after which all other applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application.