

Residency in Veterinary Ophthalmology

Vetsuisse Faculty, University of Zürich, Switzerland

The Vetsuisse Faculty of the University of Zürich invites applications from qualified individuals for a three-or four-year residency training program in Veterinary Ophthalmology. The program is scheduled to begin on **November 1st, 2027**.

Prerequisites for Acceptance

1. A **DVM degree** (or equivalent) from an EAEVE-approved veterinary school. Recognition possibilities of a **medical degree from an EU/EFTA state or the United Kingdom** to work in Switzerland shall be verified under the BAG website <https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/de/home/berufe-im-gesundheitswesen/auslaendische-abschluessegesundheitsberufe/diplome-der-medizinalberufe-ausserhalb-eu-efta.html>
Prior to final selection, the candidate must provide **official proof of eligibility to legally work and practice veterinary medicine in Switzerland by the program's start date**.
 - a. **Important Note for Non-EU/EFTA (Third-State) Applicants:** The recognition process for veterinary degrees obtained outside of the EU/EFTA/UK is highly restrictive, complex, and typically takes several months to over a year to process. In most cases, a direct recognition is not possible for residency timelines unless a legal exception applies, for more information please check the website: <https://www.bag.admin.ch/de/gesuch-einreichen-fuer-ein-diplom-der-medizinalberufe-aus-einem-drittstaat-nicht-eu-efta-staat>
 - b. **Applicants with third-state degrees are strongly advised to check their eligibility before applying via the official Swiss Federal Office of Public Health portal**
2. Completion of a **one-year rotating internship** OR a minimum of **two years of private practice** post-DVM (or equivalent clinical training).
3. Completion of a **one-year ophthalmology internship** is ideal, but not required
4. A **fair to good command of the German language** is preferred, though not strictly imperative at the start of the program.

We Offer

A comprehensive, European College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ECVO) conforming, structured residency program supported by four board-certified ophthalmologists:

- **Prof. Simon Pot** (ECVO/ACVO Diplomate)
- **Dr. Antonella Rampazzo** (ECVO Diplomate)
- **Dr. Anja Suter** (ECVO Diplomate)
- **Prof. Richard McMullen** (ECVO/ACVO Diplomate, Equine Ophthalmology)

This includes the responsibility for hospital patients and training in the medical and surgical aspects of veterinary ophthalmology, including large and small domestic animals, non-domestic and exotic animals. Our team of four ECVO/ACVO Diplomates, two ECVO/ACVO residents, one ophthalmology intern, one ophthalmology clinician and two dedicated ophthalmology technicians has the pleasure to work in a spacious and modern animal clinic with all the diagnostic and surgical equipment necessary for excellent training opportunities and state-of-the-art veterinary care. Secondary residency objectives are to introduce the resident to basic scientific and/or clinical ophthalmic research and to develop effective clinical and didactic teaching skills. The resident will therefore assist in the instruction of veterinary medical students, interns and other residents. The responsibility for our ophthalmology emergency duty is shared with the other ophthalmology residents/intern. Weekly rounds for review of the veterinary and human ophthalmic literature, bi-weekly ocular pathology reviews attended by the ophthalmology faculty and board-certified pathologists, and wet labs

are provided. Presentations at in-house rounds and seminars and at the ECVO meeting are required and attendance at the ACVO Basic Science Course is ensured. The resident is required to complete a research project and have two written manuscripts accepted for publication in a peer reviewed journal prior to completion of the residency.

Required Application Materials

Applicants must submit the following documents electronically:

- **Personal Statement:** A letter describing your professional background, your motivation for applying to this residency program, and your long-term career goals.
- **Curriculum Vitae (CV):** An up-to-date resume detailing your academic achievements and clinical history.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** One to two letters from faculty members or veterinary practitioners who have directly supervised your clinical work. *Note: These letters must be sent directly by the referees to the application email address below; they should not be forwarded by the applicant.*
- **Veterinary School Transcript:** A scanned copy of your official transcript or a direct download from your university's student portal is sufficient. An official, certified hard copy is not required at this stage.

Timeline & Application Process

Milestone	Date
Application Deadline	April 1st, 2027
Review & Interviews	April – July 2027 (In-person or via phone/video call)
Final Selection Notification	August 1st, 2027
Program Start Date	November 1st, 2027

All application materials should be submitted electronically to: auge.admin@vetclinics.uzh.ch

Questions regarding the residency program or the residency application process can be directed to Dr. Antonella Rampazzo at antonella.rampazzo@uzh.ch.

All applications will be carefully reviewed. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview. The successful candidate will be notified by August 1st, 2027, and all other applicants will be informed of the outcome shortly thereafter.