



UCD Veterinary Hospital Small Animal Internships

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

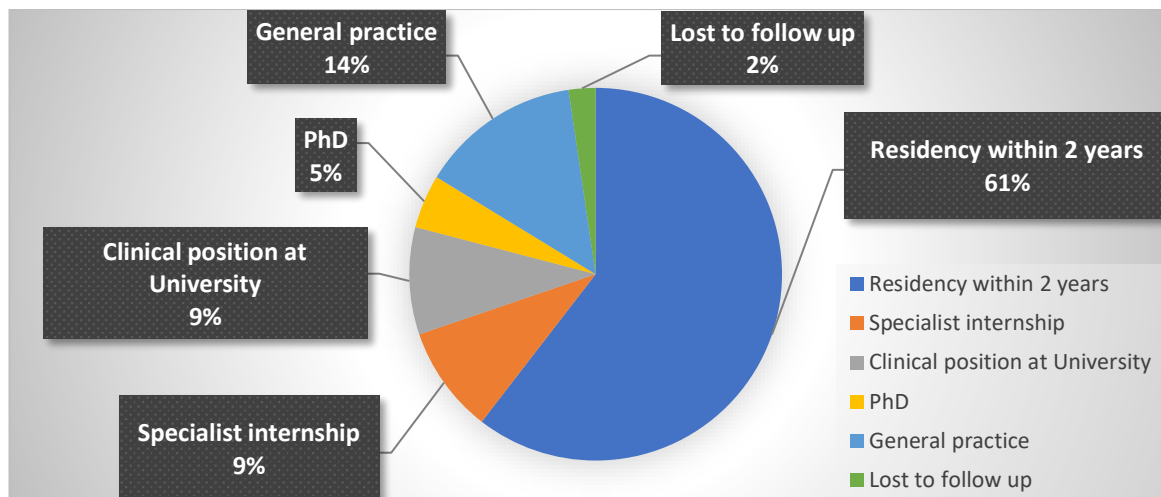
All interns provide out-of-hours (OOH) care to hospitalised patients, and are scheduled for night duty and weekends and public holidays day cover on a rotating basis.

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.

All interns are encouraged to prepare a manuscript for publication (What’s Your Diagnosis, case report or even a retrospective study), and they are also scheduled to present a ‘Resident Seminar’ and one undergraduate presentation on a topic of their choice during the internship year. Interns’ directed didactical teaching is also provided during the year.

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 in pursuing 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.

The UCDVH internship programme has an excellent reputation and a significant number of our interns go on to complete post graduate clinical training in a specific discipline (residency), and become recognised veterinary boarded specialists. Between 2015 and 2022, the UCD Veterinary Hospital trained 46 small animal interns and below is an illustration of their career path within two years of completion of their UCD Internship:



Pie chart shows the career path of former UCD Veterinary Hospital Interns (within 2 years of completion of their internship)

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 proof of recent English language proficiency such as IELTS (academic) test or equivalent is encouraged, although not compulsory for the internship programme

Positions are advertised on the Work at UCD website

(https://my.corehr.com/pls/ucdrecruit/erq_search_package.search_form?p_company=1&p_internal_external=E), and in UK and Irish periodicals (Vet Record, Irish Jobs). Vacancies are open in advance for June and November intake.

Informal enquiries can be made to Dr Monica Augusto (monica.augusto@ucd.ie) or the relevant head of service.