



College Management Unit:	UCD College of Health & Agricultural Sciences
School Unit:	UCD School of Veterinary Medicine
Post Title & Subject Area (if relevant)	Small Animal Rotating Intern (x3)
Post Duration:	Temporary 1 year post
Line Manager	Head of School or Nominee
Grade:	House Surgeon
Competition Ref. N°	019345
HR Administrator	Natalia McDonagh

Position Summary:

This is a Rotating Small Animal Internship, where approximately equal amounts of time will be spent in Veterinary Anaesthesia, Emergency and critical care (ICU), Small Animal Surgery and Small Animal Medicine, and as a night duty Intern. The night duty comprises approximately one-week (7 consecutive nights), on 1 in 5 rota. Specific duties for the intern when assigned to each of the disciplines are included in the job description for the intern in those specific areas (see UCD HR web site). General duties include:

UCD Veterinary Hospital:

- Admission of routine cases. Routine client and referring veterinary surgeon communication including advising clients regarding case progression, post-hospital care and case follow-up, by arrangement with Senior Clinicians
- Full care of hospitalised small animal in-patients
- Consult with Senior Clinicians regarding treatment and care of patients
- Discharge patients with appropriate advice and medication
- Attend relevant ward rounds, journal clubs, seminars and meetings
- Co-ordinate treatment lists with Nurses, Residents and Clinicians
- Attend to clients of First Opinion Clinic (once weekly)
- Assist Clinicians with procedures
- Maintaining hospital records, and checking that all appropriate information has been recorded daily including pricing of procedures
- Perform routine diagnostic procedures with student assistance and/or staff supervision including general anaesthesia when relevant
- Making concerted efforts to develop and maintain good relationships with referring veterinary surgeons and clients, and help promote a positive image of the School and UCDVH
- Keeping drugs and instruments under secure conditions as directed by UCDVH policy, maintaining Controlled Drugs Register
- The intern will work in small animal veterinary anaesthesia, surgery, internal medicine, oncology and intensive care unit (ICU) during the day
- The intern will be rostered for evening hospital duties (late shift) based on equal shared rota .

Night-time and weekend duties:

- The intern will be rostered for 1 week (7 consecutive nights) of night-time duties
- The evening / night-duty intern will manage all routine and intensive care cases of hospitalised small animal patients, with access to back-up residents (small animal medicine, small animal surgery, anaesthesia, diagnostic imaging) and senior clinicians for advice and assistance if required

- Interns will also be expected to supervise students of veterinary medicine and veterinary nursing in the hospital during the evening and night shifts
- The night intern will complete a detailed hand-over to the daytime staff before going off duty
- The intern will be rostered for day-time weekend duties, 1 weekend in 5 (i.e. Saturday and Sunday day-time work). Accepting case transfers from the emergency clinic in consultation with the resident on-call in the relevant discipline (small animal medicine or small animal surgery)
- Interns may only take holidays during weeks when they are not scheduled on the night shift
- Holidays may not be taken during periods when the intern is rostered on night shifts

Veterinary Medicine Students on Rotations in various disciplines and evening and night duties:

- Allocation of cases to students as required
- Discussion of cases with students, in clinics and in tutorials as scheduled, including organising treatment responsibilities
- Supervision and assistance of students during their clinical rotations
- Assist in assessment of veterinary medicine and veterinary nursing students on rotation

Salary: 95 House Surgeon_2010 (5212_X) €33,912 per annum

Appointment will be made on scale and in accordance with the Department of Finance guidelines.

Details on eligibility to compete and pension information is available at

<https://www.ucd.ie/hr/resourcing/eligibilitytocompete/>

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<https://www.ucd.ie/workatucd/diversity/>

Selection Criteria

Selection criteria outline the qualifications, skills, knowledge and/or experience that the successful candidate would need to demonstrate for successful discharge of the responsibilities of the post. Applications will be assessed on the basis of how well candidates satisfy these criteria.

Mandatory:

- Veterinary degree which can be registered with the Veterinary Council of Ireland (<http://www.vci.ie>)
- Proficient in the English language – IELTS overall band score of 7 (or above) or equivalent qualification (VCI registration requirements: <https://www.vci.ie/Register-with-VCI/Registration-Requirement>)
- An interest in Small Animal Medicine, Small Animal Surgery, Oncology, Anaesthesia and Critical Care
- Excellent communication and inter-personal skills
- Ability to work effectively as a team member
- High level of professionalism
- An interest in undergraduate teaching
- Sufficient experience to enable effective after hours care of hospitalised patients

Desirable:

- Good computer skills and sound knowledge of Microsoft Office suite, email and the internet
- A minimum of one-year clinical experience post-graduation, although exceptional new graduates may also be considered
- Experience of undergraduate teaching.
- An interest in clinical research

Supplementary information:

The University:	https://www.ucd.ie/
UCD Strategy 2020-2024: Rising to the Future	https://strategy.ucd.ie/
The College/Management Unit:	https://www.ucd.ie/chas/
The School/Programme Office/Unit:	www.ucd.ie/vetmed http://www.ucd.ie/vthweb/
Equality Diversity and Inclusion at UCD	https://www.ucd.ie/workatucd/diversity/

Informal Enquiries ONLY to:

Please note this section is optional. Applications will be addressed to an assigned HR administrator.

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Conditions specific to this post (if any):

- The appointee must have a veterinary degree which can be registered with the Veterinary Council of Ireland (limited registration is possible in certain circumstances)
- The applicant's experience must be sufficient to enable them to provide effective after-hours care to a range of small animal patients, including intensive care patients.
- **The start date for this role is 25th May 2026**
- **Contract is for one year (53 weeks), with the post ending on 31st May 2027**
- There is no specific conference or training allowance associated with this position