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| College Management Unit: | UCD College of Health & Agricultural Sciences |
| School Unit: | UCD School of Veterinary Medicine |
| Post Title & Subject Area (if relevant) | Intern in Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care |
| Post Duration: | Temporary 53-week post |
| Line Manager | Head of School or Nominee |
| Grade: | House Surgeon |
| Competition Ref. N° | 019348 |
| HR Administrator | Kim Hannon |

Position Summary:

As a small animal emergency and critical care intern the majority of time will be spent in the Small Animal Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

General duties include:

- Full care of ICU hospitalised small animal in-patients (medical and surgical cases)
- Co-ordinate treatments for ICU patients with senior nurses, residents and senior clinicians
- Attend to emergency patients of First Opinion Clinic
- Assist Clinicians with procedures
- Perform routine emergency diagnostic procedures with student assistance and/or staff supervision
- Keeping drugs and instruments under secure conditions as directed by UCDVH policy; maintaining updated record of ICU Controlled Drugs Register
- Maintaining hospital records, and checking that all appropriate information has been recorded daily, including pricing of procedures on hospital computer system and completing patient kennel sheets
- Making concerted efforts to help promote a positive image of the School and UCDVH
- Attend relevant ward rounds, journal clubs, seminars and meetings
- Present at least one journal club and resident's seminar in the year
- Assist in the teaching of undergraduate veterinary and veterinary nursing students
- Aim to produce one case report for publication or contribute to a retrospective or prospective research project within the year
- Maintain all hospital protocols with special attention to hand hygiene, barrier nursing requirements, and isolation protocols in accordance with UCDVH Infection Control Manual and hospital best practice to minimize nosocomial infections

Night-time and weekend duties and ways of working:

- Weekend and night-time duties will be equally shared between the small animal interns (anaesthesia, surgery, internal medicine, oncology, emergency and critical care / ICU and rotating interns)
- The intern will be scheduled on the night shift in a 1-in-5 rota, including weekend cover
- The intern will be scheduled on the day shift for weekend cover in a 1-in-5 rota
- The intern on evening duty will manage all routine and intensive care cases of hospitalised patients, with access to back-up residents (small animal internal medicine, small animal surgery, anaesthesia, diagnostic imaging) and senior clinicians for advice and assistance if required. Interns will also be expected to organise and supervise students in the hospital during the evening and night shifts
- Assisting the resident on duty with case transfers from the Pet Emergency Hospital, usually before 8am daily
- Holidays may not be taken during periods when the intern is rostered on night shifts

Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Nursing Students on Rotations:

- 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

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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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>)
- A demonstrable interest in Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care, particularly in pursuing and attaining a successful residency in the discipline
- Excellent communication and inter-personal skills
- Ability to work effectively as a team member
- An interest in undergraduate teaching
- High level of professionalism
- 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.
- Sound knowledge and experience of referral practice
- An interest in research in the field of small animal internal emergency and critical care

Supplementary information:

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| 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:

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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