Internship in Shelter Medicine

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Kim & Stu Lang Community Healthcare Partnership Program, Department of Clinical Studies, Ontario Veterinary College

Temporary full-time from June 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023
Hiring #: 2022-0199

The University of Guelph is currently accepting applications for a one-year Internship in Shelter Medicine commencing June 2022; This position will reside within the Kim & Stu Lang Community Healthcare Partnership Program (CHPP) and the Department of Clinical Studies at the Ontario Veterinary College. To be considered for this program, applicants meeting the minimum requirements must submit their application by Friday, April 8th, 2022. See application instructions at the bottom of the posting.

The Kim and Stu Lang Community Healthcare Partnership Program (CHPP) was established in November 2019 through an $11-million donation to the University of Guelph (U of G), the largest single gift received by the U of G’s Ontario Veterinary College (OVC). This program aims to engage underserved communities through the human-animal bond. By helping their animals, we hope to build trust and draw vulnerable people into a network that also includes human social service and healthcare supports. The intentions are to improve access to basic health care for all, help resolve social inequities, and build stronger, more integrated communities on a path to Reconciliation and self-determination.

CHPP is expanding OVC’s collaboration with humane societies, veterinary outreach organizations, and social service and community healthcare agencies already doing important work with vulnerable populations. We learn from each other and from the communities themselves and approach cases from an integrated One Health perspective. The CHPP focuses care on the following underserved communities; 1. Regional and remote (Northern) Indigenous communities; 2. Vulnerable urban pet owners experiencing housing insecurity; and 3. Vulnerable animals in shelters or those cared for by animal welfare organizations.

The selected candidate will participate in veterinary clinical outreach rotations across Ontario as well as shelter medicine visits and population health consultations within our partnering local shelters. We aim to facilitate the intern’s involvement within other departments of the Ontario Veterinary College as relevant and of interest to the candidate’s learning goals. This may include opportunity to rotate through multiple clinical services within the OVC teaching hospital on weeks not scheduled for CHPP-Specific activities. The candidate’s primary obligation will be to supporting the clinical services provided by the CHPP; non-CHPP weeks will be filled at candidates’ and program supervisor’s discretion. Within the service team concept, the intern will be given increased responsibilities as the incumbent progresses through the program and is required to participate in an out-of-hours emergency call service team on a rotational basis. The intern is assigned a program advisor who functions as a mentor and is responsible for overall clinical performance evaluation during the internship year; this position will work alongside and be supported by a Resident in Shelter Medicine.

Requirements of the position include: Graduate of a college of Veterinary Medicine; minimum GPA of 73% or 3.0/4.0 over the DVM program and eligibility for a General License to practice veterinary medicine in the Province of Ontario. Prior experience in outreach, or a demonstrated interest in shelter and community medicine considered strong assets.

Interns are allotted working days for professional development time (10) and for vacation (10). Professional development time may be used for electives within OVC, continuing education or job interviews. Scheduling of professional development and vacation must be approved by the program advisor. Travel will be required as part of this position, predominantly within Ontario for veterinary outreach purposes to meet programmatic service goals.
The successful candidate will also be required to interact positively with, and to support veterinary students when participating in CHPP activities.

Please note that this position requires a Postgraduate & Resident license through the College of Veterinarians of Ontario (CVO) to practice veterinary medicine in Ontario. The CVO licensing fees and associated administrative fees must be paid directly to the CVO. The OVC Department of Clinical Studies will reimburse the cost of your licensure, excluding the associated administrative fees, upon submission of the original receipt.

For health insurance for Canadian residents who live in provinces other than Ontario, the successful internship candidate will be required to contact their Provincial Health Insurance Plan and advise them they are moving to Ontario. Ordinarily three (3) months’ coverage will be provided by your home province following your relocation to Ontario during the three (3) month waiting period following submission of an application to the Ontario Health Insurance Plan.

Interns who are not Canadian Citizens or Permanent residents of Canada will need to apply for health insurance through the University of Guelph Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) upon arrival. The intern will be charged for this coverage (~$60/month single); however, they will also immediately apply for health coverage through the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP). There is no charge for OHIP. Once the application is approved and proof submitted to Human Resources, the deduction for UHIP will cease.

Interns are entitled to coverage through the University of Guelph Extended Health Care Plan. Eligible extended health care benefits include vision care expenses, prescription drugs, semi-private hospital care, out-of-province emergency travel assistance benefits; paramedical services such as chiropractors, podiatrists, physiotherapists, massage therapists and acupuncturists.

The Ontario Veterinary College is a part of the University of Guelph, which has a full-time graduate and undergraduate student enrollment of approximately 20,275. The City of Guelph has a population of more than 121,000 and is situated 80 km (50 miles) west of Toronto. Guelph is rich in culture, architecture, and parks with a variety of recreation and leisure opportunities. As a companion animal referral centre, the College is exceptionally well situated with over 6 million people living within a 90-minute drive of the University.

Salary: $27,500/annum CDN

**How to Apply:**

Applications must be submitted by midnight on Friday April 8th, 2022. Send application packages including the below requirements in one (1) PDF file to lhende07@uoguelph.ca [1]. Required documents sent as separate individual documents will not be considered as part of the application package.

- Personal Statement
- Curriculum Vitae
- 3 References including contact information – letters of reference not required
- Veterinary School transcripts (Official Transcript from University Registrar is not necessary at the time of application submission)
- Proof of English proficiency (if required)

*At the University of Guelph, fostering a culture of inclusion [2] is an institutional imperative. The University invites and encourages applications from all qualified individuals, including from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in employment, who may contribute to further diversification of our Institution.*

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