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## VEC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

The Veterinary Emergency Clinic offers eight positions annually in the rotating small animal internship program. The clinic is a dynamic multispecialty & emergency practice with board certified specialists in anesthesia, cardiology, dentistry, dermatology, emergency & critical care, internal medicine, neurology, nutrition, ophthalmology, oncology, and surgery. We offer 24-hour care and a busy and challenging emergency practice supported by a team of emergency clinicians, RVTs and support staff. The hospital is well equipped with digital radiography, CT scan, MRI, ultrasound, fluoroscopy, endoscopy, arthroscopy, in-house laboratory, and high flow nasal oxygen therapy. An animal rehabilitation centre with certified rehab practitioners and chiropractor, as well as a full service Antech laboratory with clinical pathologist are both on-site.

Successful candidates will have mandatory rotations in core specialty services and emergency with opportunities for electives in the other clinical specialties. This is a strong clinical internship with an emphasis on one-on-one interaction with specialists. The program is well established, having been founded in 2005. Intern rounds are provided two to four times weekly and may include didactic teaching lectures, journal club or clinical skills labs. In addition, interns are required to present two grand rounds presentations and case rounds throughout the year. An orientation week and supportive mentorship program are provided. Eight weeks of electives (including off-site) are allowed and travel to electives or professional interviews can be reimbursed through a generous \$2500 CE allowance. Submission of a publication is not required but is encouraged and supported.

Our goal is to provide a high-quality intern experience that will be valuable to those who wish to practice general veterinary medicine at the highest level or to those who wish to pursue a residency in a clinical specialty. Previous interns have been highly successful in obtaining residency and specialty internship positions, both with academic institutions and private practices and many have gone on to become board-certified specialists in their field of interest. Candidates are encouraged to visit the VEC to familiarize themselves with the hospital and internship program, but a visit is not mandatory. Virtual tours and interviews can be arranged.

The VEC is located in a beautiful area of downtown Toronto; a diverse, energetic, and safe metropolitan centre on the shores of Lake Ontario. The city offers a multitude of recreational and cultural opportunities. The hospital is easily accessible by public transportation, has an indoor parking garage and is walking distance to a variety of restaurants, shops, and public attractions. Candidates should be graduates of an AVMA accredited institution and be able to obtain their Ontario veterinary licence and Canadian work visa, if necessary, prior to commencement of the internship. Candidates from non-AVMA accredited institutions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and the internship start date may be flexible. Please contact us for more information.

### BENEFITS:

- Continuing Education allowance of \$2500 including textbooks, conferences, courses and travel for CE or professional interviews
- Employee medical, vision and dental benefits plan (\$2800-5000)
- Provincial license reimbursement (\$1100)
- Generous employee discounts on pet care
- Access to Plumbs and VIN subscriptions, online textbooks
- 8 weeks electives (including external)

### OPPORTUNITY TO EARN ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION:

- There may be additional emergency shifts available for compensation (at VEC ER locum rates and premiums) on a voluntary basis
- A signing bonus is available should the intern sign a contract with the VEC Emergency Service upon completion of the internship.

### APPLICATIONS

- The VEC rotating internship application is available through the VIRMP program
- Alternative entry and start dates may be available outside of the VIRMP
- Please contact [lcousto@vectoronto.com](mailto:lcousto@vectoronto.com) for more information