

Senior Clinical Training Scholar (SCTS; Resident) in Veterinary Neurology & Neurosurgery

Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences

Location: The Department is located on the Hawkshead campus of the Royal Veterinary College, in semi-rural surroundings near Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, and is only 20 minutes North of central London by train.

*Hertfordshire (Nr. Potters Bar), Hawkshead campus, **Royal Veterinary College, University of London, UK***

Stipend: Starting stipend £14,902 per annum (tax-free), increasing by annual increments to £16,222 and will be continued subject to satisfactory annual assessment.

*Closing date for applications: **Tuesday 31st January 2011***

Veterinary Neurology & Neurosurgery (Ref: CTS/SAN/12)

The RVC seeks to appoint two enthusiastic Senior Clinical Training Scholars (Resident) in Veterinary Neurology and Neurosurgery. Scholars will receive supervised clinical training in medical and surgical neurology while working within the college's hospitals. Clinical responsibilities include primary care of small animal patients, and availability for consultation on large and exotic animal species. Scholars will be involved in the clinical teaching of interns and veterinary students. Scholars are expected undertake clinical research in a related topic and submit research publications based on their work. Scholars will also be enrolled into a Master of Veterinary Medicine (MVetMed) programme. Our three-year programme fulfills the residency training requirements necessary for admission to the European College of Veterinary Neurology.

All scholarships are open to veterinary graduates holding a qualification registerable with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. Candidates should preferably have completed a rotating internship or have equivalent practice experience. Ideally, scholarships will commence on 1st July, 2011 but alternative start dates could be agreed under exceptional circumstances.

Background:

The RVC Veterinary Neurology and Neurosurgery Service is a dynamic and expanding team currently consisting of five faculty members (one large animal neurologist), four residents, three PhD students, a physiotherapist and dedicated neurology/physiotherapy nurses.

We have a large, structured residency program, including regular seminars, journal-club, neuroradiology and neuropathology rounds (lead by Professor Brian Summers).

We have close links with the internationally renowned University College London (UCL) Institute of Neurology and National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery. This includes strong relationships with the Departments of Clinical and Experimental Epilepsy Group, Neurosurgery and Neuroradiology. We have also established an Epilepsy and EEG Clinic; a collaboration between the RVC Neurology and Neurosurgery Service and medical (human) neurophysiologists.

The neurology and neurosurgery service is part of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences. The department contains over 100 faculty with both clinical and research expertise in all areas of small animal, equine and farm animal clinical sciences. The mission of the neurology and neurosurgery team is to provide a world-class veterinary neurology/neurosurgery service in a teaching hospital environment, while engaging in clinical and basic science research with a bias for comparative and translational neurology and neurosurgery.

The clinical activities are performed within one of the largest referral centres in Europe, The Royal Veterinary College's Queen Mother Hospital for Animals (QMHA). The QMHA's facilities have recently been expanded and upgraded making it a truly state of the art veterinary hospital with 24 consult rooms, 130 kennels and a 24 hour 365 day per year Emergency and Critical Care service and specialists in all major disciplines. Facilities include on-site MRI (1.5T Philips), 16 slice computed tomography (Phillips), fluoroscopy, wireless EEG system, operating microscope, recently upgraded neurosurgical facilities, Ultrasonic Surgical System (Sonopet), Brainsight-2 Neuronavigation system, Viking electrodiagnostic system, a large purpose-built ICU, and a physiotherapy unit with hydrotherapy pool and an underwater-treadmill staffed by a veterinary physiotherapist and dedicated nurses.

For informal discussions and further information on these scholarships please contact: Dr. Holger Volk on +44 (0)1707 666061 or email: hvolk@rvc.ac.uk

To apply for the scholarships please go to our homepage download the required documents:

<http://www.rvc.ac.uk/Postgraduate/CTS/CTS.cfm>

Alternatively contact Human Resources, email jobs@rvc.ac.uk quoting the appropriate reference number.

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Please quote the appropriate reference number on all applications and queries. Short-listed candidates for all scholarships will normally be notified one week before the interview date.