

EQUINE INTEGRATIVE SPORTS MEDICINE INTERNSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

Program Overview:

The William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, University of California, Davis is offering an internship program in equine integrative sports medicine. This one-year program is available to individuals who have completed a DVM or equivalent degree.

The aim of the program is to provide advanced clinical training in equine integrative sports medicine. This would be the ideal preparation for a residency in equine sports medicine or a career in equine practice with an emphasis on sports medicine.

Rationale:

Recent advances in sport horse medicine and rehabilitation have made it possible for equine athletes to reach new levels of excellence. Client demand for superior diagnostics and innovative treatment strategies require equine practitioners to be more informed than ever before. In addition to western advances in sport horse medicine, complementary modalities such as acupuncture and chiropractic have become increasingly recognized as being effective and valuable for the equine athlete to treat musculoskeletal conditions associated with the demands of intensive physical conditioning and performance. Blending the best of traditional and complementary medicine provides an integrative approach of treating the whole horse rather than focusing on a specific region or structure.

At UC Davis, the Equine Integrative Sports Medicine Service was recently developed by Dr. Sarah le Jeune, who is board-certified in Equine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation and certified in acupuncture and chiropractic, as well as being board-certified in Equine Surgery. It is a clinical service that sees cases, both in-house and in the field, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and offers rehabilitation services at the Center for Equine Health 5 days a week.

Clinical and Teaching Responsibilities

The intern will be under the direct supervision of Dr. Sarah le Jeune. Evaluation of equine patients of various athletic disciplines will expose the intern to the diagnosis and treatment of a variety of musculoskeletal and performance limiting diseases and injuries. UC Davis provides a competitive environment for this internship with the ability to perform advanced imaging (CT, MRI, nuclear scintigraphy) and surgical services. In addition to traditional medical modalities (routine lameness work-up and diagnostics), the intern will learn integrative techniques such as acupuncture and chiropractic. The intern will assist Dr. le Jeune with performance/lameness examinations, acupuncture, chiropractic, and laser therapy to in- and outpatients as needed. The intern will also be involved in rehabilitation protocols of hospitalized equine patients within the William R. Pritchard Teaching Hospital and the Center for Equine Health. The intern will work with and individually mentor senior veterinary students and 1 – 2 trained technicians. The intern will also provide clinical teaching and evaluation of these veterinary students. There are no specific emergency or overnight requirements to fulfill the terms of the internship. The intern will also be expected to assist the Equine Surgery Service with the work-up of inpatient lameness cases when duties to the Equine Integrative Sports Medicine Service have been fulfilled. Arrangements can be made to rotate through specialty services of interest on a case-by-case basis for a total of 3 weeks per year.

The intern will be expected to attend and participate in Equine Surgery journal club, Equine Surgery resident rounds and Large Animal Grand rounds weekly. There will also be opportunities to assist in research activities and to attend the equine sports medicine annual meeting.

Program duration

One intern will be selected annually and the program will be 12 months in duration, beginning on August 1st. The intern is eligible for 24 days of vacation annually.

Qualifications

Candidates for the internship must have graduated from an accredited school of veterinary medicine. The selection of interns will be made on the basis of academic achievement, letters of recommendation, career objectives, experience in the horse industry, clinical skills, interpersonal skills, personal narrative and pertinent experience. A valid California driver's license is required, and is subject to the California DMV pull program.

Salary

The salary for the internship is \$29,160 plus benefits.

Application Materials

- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of Intent
- Three letters of recommendation
- Veterinary Academic Transcript(s)

By email:

All application materials including letters of reference (on letterhead, with signature) may be emailed to Diana Gomez, Resident Affairs Coordinator at dcgomez@ucdavis.edu.

By mail:

Send applications to:

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Additional information regarding the integrative sports medicine internship program may be obtained by contacting Dr. Sarah le Jeune at sslejeune@ucdavis.edu. Personal interviews are strongly recommended and can be arranged by contacting Dr. Sarah le Jeune.

The University of California, Davis, and the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital are interested in candidates who are committed to the highest standards of scholarship and professional activities, and to the development of a campus climate that supports equality and diversity.