

**RESIDENCY IN COMPARATIVE OPHTHALMOLOGY AT THE CORNELL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE  
OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

The Section of Comparative Ophthalmology at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine is soliciting applications for a three-year residency in comparative ophthalmology beginning July 18, 2016, and ending July 28, 2019. Application materials must be received **electronically by 8 pm EST, Friday, November 6, 2015.** Following review of all applications, a select number of applicants may be invited to interview. The successful candidate will be offered the position **at noon EST on Monday, January 11, 2016.**

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The Ophthalmology Service at the Cornell University Hospital for animals cares for approximately 2700 patients annually between the Companion Animal and Equine/Farm Animal Hospitals. Four ACVO diplomates directly participate in the residency program (Drs. Thomas Kern, Eric Ledbetter, Nita Irby, and Filipe Espinheira). The program has 2 residents; the successful applicant will join a third-year resident. The beginning salary is \$35,700. New York State licensure is NOT required. The residency contract will include a limited non-compete clause.

The residency program consists of advanced clinical training in veterinary ophthalmology in both hospitals involving care of dogs, cats, horses, food animals, camelids, pet and wild birds, laboratory animals, exotic pets, and other wildlife. Successful progression through the program will be accompanied by increasing clinical responsibilities.

Residents will attend rounds, conferences, and seminars that pertain to their areas of interest. Participation of residents in additional scholarly activities including continuing education (e.g., the ACVO Basic Science Course) and clinical or basic science research is required. Each resident is required to prepare and submit at least one manuscript to a peer-reviewed journal.

Continuation in the program is based upon satisfactory semi-annual performance reviews. A certificate of residency will be issued following successful completion of all requirements of the program. Concurrent enrollment in residency and graduate programs is not permitted.

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

Program objectives include resident development of a high level of experience and clinical proficiency in the practice of veterinary ophthalmology; fulfillment of the residency requirements of the ABVO; acquisition of experience in veterinary education through clinical and didactic teaching; and development of critical thinking skills and experience in clinical research from project development through manuscript preparation and submission.

Questions regarding the residency application process or program should be directed to Dr. Thomas J. Kern ([tjk3@Cornell.edu](mailto:tjk3@Cornell.edu)).

### **ITEMS TO SUBMIT**

- 1) A personal statement describing the applicant's background, reasons for applying for this residency, and career goals.
- 2) Curriculum vitae with names and contact information of 3 - 5 references.
- 3) Three to five letters of reference from faculty members, research mentors, and/or practicing veterinarians. These letters should ideally address aptitude and performance pertinent to clinical skills, knowledge of veterinary medicine, ability to apply knowledge in the clinical setting, ability to communicate and work with others, and scientific research. Letters should be submitted by the authors directly to **Attn: Rosemary Adessa** [residency@sharepoint.vet.cornell.edu](mailto:residency@sharepoint.vet.cornell.edu)
- 4) **Official transcripts** including grade point average from all post-secondary institutions attended **and** your class rank in veterinary school. An official English language translation of each must be included if they are not in English. The transcripts should be sent electronically as scanned PDF documents forming part of the electronic application.
- 5) English proficiency must be provide by applicants from countries where English is not the only official language. Acceptable proofs are: TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) minimum 100 (internet based) and minimum of 600 (paper exam) <http://www.ets.org/toefl/> OR IETLS – minimum 7.
- 6) Foreign national residents are appointed on H-1B visas; additional documentation would be required. Refer to <http://isso.cornell.edu/sites/isso.cornell.edu/files/isso/documents/h1bapp.pdf>

#### **Submit electronically to:**

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