

DVSc in Zoological Medicine and Pathology

Graduate Study in Zoological Medicine and Pathology

A three year Residency/Doctor of Veterinary Science graduate degree program in Zoological Medicine and Pathology, commencing **September, 2016**, is offered jointly by the Department of Pathobiology, Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph and the Toronto Zoo, with funding provided by the Toronto Zoo.

Relevant preparatory education on topics including general and wildlife pathology, and diseases of non-domestic, aquatic and wildlife species is carried out at O.V.C. during the first 8 months. The resident is then based for 28 months at the Toronto Zoo, working in all aspects of the zoo veterinary program, under the supervision of the zoo's three veterinarians, all of whom are A.C.Z.M. Diplomates.

The Toronto Zoo houses over 5,500 specimens, including invertebrates and fish, in extensive outdoor and enclosed exhibits on a 700 acre site. In addition to clinical work, the resident carries out necropsies. Follow-up pathology is completed 1 day per week at Guelph working in consultation with O.V.C. faculty advisors.

There is a comprehensive examination in the area of Zoological Medicine and Pathology at the end of the second year of the program. A thesis describing the results of an applied research project must be defended successfully prior to graduation. Remuneration is commensurate with that of residents in comparable programs at the Ontario Veterinary College.

Applicants must possess a D.V.M. or equivalent qualification, and meet the academic standards for admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies at the University of Guelph. Selection of the successful applicant is based on a combination of academic criteria, relevant interest and experience, referees' evaluations, and an assessment of the candidate's career goals and motivation. Internet-facilitated or telephone interviews may be conducted. Graduates have rewarding careers as administrators, clinicians and pathologists in zoos, academic institutions and government agencies in Canada, the USA, Australia and Europe.

Circumstances have resulted in a relatively short time line for advertising and accepting applications for the upcoming position. **We are now accepting applications for the next opening, which commences September 2016. Assessment of submissions will begin Monday November 30, 2015.** A final decision will be made and all candidates informed of the results prior to the final day to withdraw from the VIRMP program.

Further information on the program and detailed instructions for application are available on-line on the Pathobiology Graduate Students Opportunity Page under DVSc Positions at <http://ovc.uoguelph.ca/pathobiology/opportunities/graduate/#dvsc> or from: The Graduate Program Assistant, Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada N1G 2W1; email - pathgrad@uoguelph.ca; phone (519) 824 4120, Ext. 54725. Applicants are encouraged to initially submit their application material electronically as outlined in the detailed application instructions. Official copies of supporting documents are required prior to our being able to make an offer to the successful candidate.