The University of Guelph is currently accepting applications for a three-year residency with DVSc. in Veterinary Anesthesiology commencing January 2024; this position will reside within the Department of Clinical Studies at the Ontario Veterinary College and is an approved American College of Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia (ACVAA) residency training program in the OVC Health Sciences Centre (OVC-HSC) supported by 5 ACVAA boarded anesthesiologists. The successful candidate will be enrolled as a DVSc graduate student and be expected to complete the requirements outlined below to be granted this degree during the training program. To be considered for this program, applicants meeting the minimum requirements must submit their application by October 13th, 2023. See the application instructions at the bottom of the posting.

The OVC-HSC Anesthesia section provides service to the Large and Small Animal Hospitals (including MRI and radiation areas), currently staffed with rotations of 4-5 full-time boarded anesthesiology faculty, two anesthesia DVSc students and anesthesia technicians; and supervising approximately six final year undergraduate veterinary students per week. Part of the DVSc program requires students to provide clinical instruction in their area of study to undergraduates in the DVM program. Medical specialists in neurology, ophthalmology, oncology, cardiology, surgery, emergency and critical care medicine, and diagnostic imaging services are integrated into the service team concept. Within the service team concept, the DVSc student is given increased responsibilities as the incumbent progresses through the program. The DVSc student is required to participate in an out-of-hours emergency service team on a rotational basis, which will involve anesthesia management of surgical and medical patients. DVSc students are paid for out-of-hours calls.

Completion of the degree requirements associated with the DVSc degree is expected. The DVSc program involves nine semesters (3 years), with two thirds of this time for clinical training and one-third for applied clinical research and didactic coursework, culminating in the defence of a written thesis. The DVSc program provides rigorous advanced academic preparation in both discipline training and research and is a unique post-professional doctoral-level degree. DVSc students are paid for three years from their start date and remain enrolled as graduate students for the final month of their last semester.

The DVSc program provides a unique opportunity to conduct clinical research. Each DVSc student has a graduate advisory committee chaired by the faculty advisor. Committee members are selected from the Department of Clinical Studies and other departments to act as consultants and advisors, providing support for the program's research and formal course work components. The research is written as a thesis, which is defended to an examination committee. The examination committee includes an external examiner, a recognized authority in
the discipline or field of study from outside the university. The research projects are designed such that the resulting thesis demonstrates scholarship and critical judgment and contributes significantly to the knowledge in the investigated field. Accordingly, applicants should have a strong commitment to clinical research. The program also includes a qualifying examination held before the end of the 6th semester. Since the DVSc program consists of two distinct elements, clinical training and graduate training, students are expected to complete both program elements successfully.

Candidates for the DVSc program must be accepted by and registered with the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies at the University of Guelph and be accepted by the Department of Clinical Studies and Research Committee. Candidates must be Canadian citizens, permanent residents hold a valid study permit. For admission to the program, applicants are required to be graduates of high standing from a recognized veterinary college with an overall Ontario Equivalent average of 'B' (73% minimum) or GPA 3.0/4.0 and be eligible for a License to practice veterinary medicine in the Province of Ontario. Proof of a protective rabies titre is required before the commencement of clinical duties.

Current tuition and ancillary fees for Canadians and permanent residents, as well as international students, including US citizens, can be located on the University of Guelph’s Student Financial Services website: https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/studentfinance/fees/guelph_gr. Please consider tuition is listed on this site semestery, not annually. You may select the most recent “Canadian Full-time” or “International Full-time” links to view the current tuition and fee spreadsheets. Please refer to the corresponding row to view the ‘DVSc’ tuition and fees in the spreadsheets offered at the link.

Graduate student fees are an income-tax deductible expense in Canada. International DVSc students with an Ontario equivalent admission average of greater than 73%, which is a minimum B (Ontario equivalent) letter grade, may be eligible for the International Doctoral Tuition Scholarship (IDTS), which is currently $12,500 annually, to reduce international tuition. You may view eligibility criteria here: https://graduatestudies.uoguelph.ca/current/funding/scholarships/internal. Note that based on academic considerations, the minimum average for DVSc students to be considered for the IDTS is 73%, not the 80% noted in the eligibility criteria for this scholarship.

Additionally, please find information at the links included on Calculating Your Admission Average: https://graduatestudies.uoguelph.ca/future/apply/calculate and the International Credential Guidelines: https://graduatestudies.uoguelph.ca/future/international/credential.

Residents are allotted working days for professional development time (5) and for vacation (10). Vacation pay is assigned at 4% of total earnings if vacation days are not utilized. Professional development time may be used for electives within OVC, continuing education or job interviews. Scheduling of professional development and vacation must be approved by the program advisors.

Please note that this position requires a Postgraduate & Resident license through the College of Veterinarians of Ontario (CVO) to practice veterinary medicine in Ontario. The CVO licensing fees and associated administrative fees must be paid directly to the CVO. The OVC Department
of Clinical Studies will reimburse the cost of your licensure, excluding the associated administrative fees, upon submission of the original receipt.

All graduate students receive a health and dental plan. Health insurance for Canadians/Permanent Residents can be arranged with your home province. For health insurance for Canadian residents who live in provinces other than Ontario, successfully matched applicants will be required to contact their Provincial Health Insurance Plan and advise them they are moving to Ontario. There will likely be a three (3) month carry-over to cover the three (3) month waiting period following submission of an application to the Ontario Health Insurance Plan. International students pay approximately $756 CDN/annum in the fall of the year (for single person coverage; additional coverage for families is available).

The Ontario Veterinary College is a part of the University of Guelph, which has a full-time graduate and undergraduate student enrollment of approximately 30,000. The City of Guelph has a population of more than 140,000 and is situated 80 km (50 miles) west of Toronto. Guelph is rich in culture, architecture, and parks with a variety of recreation and leisure opportunities. As a companion animal referral centre, the College is exceptionally well situated with over 6 million people living within a 90-minute drive of the University.

Salary: $40,000.00 CDN/annum with increments of 2,000 per annum, less applicable statutory deductions, tuition and fees. Current tuition and ancillary fees for Canadians and Permanent Residents as well as international students, including US citizens, can be located on the University of Guelph’s Student Financial Services website: https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/studentfinance/fees/guelph_gr. Please refer to the ‘Additional Information About Program’ section for details regarding the International Doctoral Tuition Scholarship (IDTS), which is available to international DVSc students who meet the eligibility criteria (as outlined below). If eligible, there may be award and scholarship competitions which DVSc students may apply for, in addition to receiving a base stipend of $40,000 annually.

How to Apply:
Applications must be submitted by midnight on October 13th, 2023. Send application packages including the below requirements in one (1) PDF file to Dr. Melissa Sinclair, msinclai@uoguelph.ca. Required documents sent as separate individual documents will not be considered as part of the application package.

- Personal Statement
- Curriculum Vitae
- 3 References including contact information – letters of reference not required
- Veterinary School transcripts (Official Transcript from your University Registrar will be required immediately if you are the successful candidate, but an official transcript is not required for application to the position)
- Proof of English proficiency (if required)

At the University of Guelph, fostering a culture of inclusion is an institutional imperative. The University invites and encourages applications from all qualified individuals, including from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in employment, who may contribute to further diversification of our Institution.