WELCOME TO OUR LOCUMS:
- Dr Tamara MacDonald will be in Small Animal Surgery February 4 – 18th
- Dr Jennifer Devey will be in Emergency & Critical Care February 11 – 22nd
- Dr Robert Cruz will be in Diagnostic Imaging February 19 – 22nd
- Dr Ron Vin will be in Large Animal Medicine February 25 – March 8th
- Dr Bianca Bauer will be in Ophthalmology February 25 – March 1st

1. OVC COMMUNITY MEETING will be held Tuesday, February 5, 2019 in Room 1800 PAHL/AHL - for information and updates on budgets, curriculum and One Health initiatives.

2. SAVE THE DATE for our next DEPARTMENT MEETING: March 1, 2019. Calendar invitations to follow.

3. GRAND ROUNDS!
This week’s seminar on Wednesday, February 6 2019 will be held at 8:30 – 9:30 am in Rm 1714 LLC. Presenting this week:

   Omar Zaheer
   Title: TBA
   &
   Manuel Gomez
   Title: TBA

4. STAFFING UPDATE: Linda Wing is out of the office January 28 – February 8, 2019. Requests for room bookings should be sent to roomdean@uoguelph.ca. All other requests should be sent to ovcsas.clin@uoguelph.ca.

5. SEARCH COMMITTEES UPDATES:
- Radiation Oncology 3 yr CL Assistant Professor – in progress
- Cardiology Tenure Track Assistant or Associate Professor – in progress
- Neurology – 2 yr CL Assistant Professor – in progress
- Large Animal Internal Medicine – Assistant or Associate Professor – in progress
- Nutrition – 1 yr CL Assistant Professor – in progress
- Emergency Critical Care Medicine - 2 yr CL Assistant Professor – Call for Nominations

6. Instructor Evaluations for W19 for Phases 1-3 are now available in CEVAL through the following link. https://courseeval.uoguelph.ca Faculty should confirm all courses have been added to the survey.

The current Collective Agreement between the University of Guelph Faculty Association and the University of Guelph requires that all members of faculty search committees receive orientation to address potential unconscious (or implicit) bias in the faculty search process. To Begin the Orientation - please visit Minimizing Implicit Bias in the Search Process.
list with Linda Wing if not already done. Evaluations are set up to remain open until the day before the final exam in each course. Faculty are encouraged to remind students (on the last day of instruction in each course) to complete the evaluations.

7. **2019 CAGS/Proquest-UMI Distinguished Dissertation Awards** Do you know an outstanding doctoral student who has recently graduated? Is there an up-and-coming scholar in your academic community whose research deserves to be recognized? Here is an opportunity you won’t want to miss! Please consider nominating them for this prestigious award. Call for nominations for the [2019 CAGS/Proquest-UMI Distinguished Dissertation Awards](https://ovc.uoguelph.ca/clinical-studies/csevents@uoguelph.ca) by Friday, February 15, 2019. 

8. **Pet Trust Research Competition Winter 2019**  
OVC Pet Trust provides funds for research that advances the health and quality of life of companion animals. Approximately $215,000 is available to be allocated in this competition. The equipment competition will also be open with $20,000 available. In addition, there is a new allocation of $95,000 available for the Winter 2019 competition for research specifically concerning the health and welfare of cats. All funds will be awarded following a peer review by the Companion Animal Scientific Committee. [Pet Trust Research Competition](https://ovc.uoguelph.ca/clinical-studies/csevents@uoguelph.ca) for a full schedule of dates. 
**Deadline for Full Proposal:** March 6, 2019 to Dept. chair for signage.

9. **Registration is now open for the 2019 Perspectives on Experiential Learning.**  
We invite post-secondary students, instructors, administrators, staff, researchers, and EL partners and practitioners to participate in the [2019 Perspectives on Experiential Learning conference](https://ovc.uoguelph.ca/clinical-studies/csevents@uoguelph.ca) at the University of Guelph.  
We will discuss critical questions and perspectives on the following conference themes:  
- The Student Voice: Exploring the Experiences of Our Students  
- Designing, Teaching and Assessing EL  
- Making Partnerships Matter: From Industry to Community  
- Institutional Practices Supporting EL  
- Overcoming Barriers and Increasing Access  
- From Policy to Practice in EL: Balancing Political- and Institution-Driven Approaches to Experiential Learning  

Register here: [https://opened.uoguelph.ca/perspectives-on-experiential-learning---registration](https://opened.uoguelph.ca/perspectives-on-experiential-learning---registration)

10. **OVC Graduate Stipend Competition Winter 2019.** Full details can be found [here](https://ovc.uoguelph.ca/clinical-studies/csevents@uoguelph.ca).

11. **Seminar Announcement by Dr. Alexandre Secorum Borges.** Title: “Large Animal Genetic Disorders from a Brasilian Perspective.” Full details can be found [here](https://ovc.uoguelph.ca/clinical-studies/csevents@uoguelph.ca).
12. **3MT Judge Request**

We encourage you to be a volunteer judge for The 3 Minute Thesis (3MT®) contest on Thursday, February 28 2019 from 12:30 – 1:30 pm in the LLC 1715. OVC graduate students are being challenged to present complex research in an engaging, accessible, and compelling way, in only 3 minutes. This experience enables our students to showcase their research and its wider impacts. Students who win the competition will receive compensation applied to their tuition.

We plan to select a judging panel who meets the following criteria:

- Includes between three to five judges.
- Balanced by age, gender, academic/professional positions, community and discipline.

3MT Judging Criteria can be found [here](#).

Please express your interest by **Friday February 15th**, to [ovcsas.research@uoguelph.ca](mailto:ovcsas.research@uoguelph.ca). Selection of the judging panel will be made by Thursday February 21st.