Doctor of Veterinary Science - Clinical Nutrition

A 3-year Doctor of Veterinary Science degree (DVSc) position is available for August 7, 2017 in the Department of Clinical Studies at the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC), University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada. The DVSc program provides rigorous advanced academic preparation in both research and discipline training and is a unique post-professional doctoral level degree. The DVSc degree comprises formal coursework, a research project, a general qualifying examination, and a thesis. The applicant should have a strong commitment to clinical research in companion animal nutrition.

The DVSc student will work along the side a companion animal nutritionist in the Clinical Nutrition Service of the Ontario Veterinary College Health Sciences Centre (OVC-HSC). The clinical service includes consultation, patient monitoring and follow-up. No out-of-hours duty is required for the Clinical Nutrition Service, but participation in some of the Internal medicine service is encouraged. Within the service team concept, the DVSc student is given increased responsibilities as the incumbent progresses through the program.

The DVSc program provides a unique opportunity to conduct clinical research. Each DVSc student has a graduate advisory committee chaired by the advisor. The research is written as a thesis in a publication-ready format and the thesis presented and defended through an oral examination. The research projects are designed such that the resulting thesis demonstrates mature scholarship, critical judgment and provides a significant contribution to the knowledge in the field investigated. Accordingly, applicants should have a strong commitment to clinical research in Companion Animal Nutrition. The program also includes a qualifying examination usually held in the sixth semester. Since the DVSc program consists of three distinct elements; course work, graduate and clinical training, students must successfully complete and pass the three elements of the program.

Following the 3 year clinical training, the student may qualify to sit the board certification exam of the European College of Veterinary and Comparative Nutrition (ECVCN) or the American College of Veterinary Nutrition (ACVN).

Candidates for the DVSc program in Clinical Nutrition must be first accepted by the Department of Clinical Studies Graduate program and second registered with the University of Guelph Office of Graduate Studies. Requirements of the position include: graduates of a college of veterinary medicine; minimum of 73% or GPA 3.0/4.0 over the DVM program, completion of a formal rotating internship or have equivalent practice experience, and eligibility for a license to practice veterinary medicine in the Province of Ontario. Initial licensing application and examination fees (approx. $235 CAD) are the responsibility of the applicant. The annual license fee is paid by the OVC-HSC.

Tuition and ancillary fees are currently $9,314.00 CAD/annum for Canadians and Landed Immigrants; and $21,681 CAD/annum for international students, including US citizens. Graduate student fees are an income-tax deductible expense in Canada. Health insurance for
Canadians/Landed Immigrants can be arranged with your home province. International students pay approximately $612.00 CAD/annum in the fall of the year (single person coverage).

The salary is $32,438.00 CAD/annum. Normally, a DVSc student will be given 10 vacation days/year plus 5 days/year release time from hospital duty to attend specific meetings, seminars, or conferences as part of his/her academic program.

The Ontario Veterinary College is a part of the University of Guelph, which has a full-time graduate and undergraduate student enrollment of approximately 20,461. The City of Guelph has a population of more than 121,000 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. Hence, Guelph is ranked among the top ten places to live in Canada. 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.

Applicants with a strong academic record from an accredited veterinary school, evidence of interest and commitment to companion animal nutrition, and eligibility to practice veterinary medicine in Ontario, are encouraged to apply. The **deadline for applications is February 13, 2017**, or until a suitable applicant is hired. Submit letter of intent, curriculum vitae, 3 letters of recommendation and veterinary school official transcript, if English is not your first language you must also submit proof of English proficiency to: Ariah Easley, Graduate Program Assistant, Department of Clinical Studies. Applications may be mailed or sent via email to: Mailing Address:  50 Stone Road East, Department of Clinical Studies, OVC, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON, N1G 2W1, CANADA. Email: csgrad@uoguelph.ca

If you are selected official copies of all post-secondary transcripts and for graduates of Universities where English is not the first language, proof of English proficiency is required. Please refer to the following link on the University of Guelph website for details on acceptable proof of English proficiency: [https://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/future/international/English](https://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/future/international/English) 
Also proof of protective rabies titre is required.

General questions about graduate studies in the Department of Clinical Studies should be directed to Ariah Easley at the above address or by telephone 519-824-4120 x54005 or e-mail csgrad@uoguelph.ca.
Specific questions about the program may be directed to Dr. Adronie Verbrugghe, Department of Clinical Studies, University of Guelph by email averbrug@uoguelph.ca

The University of Guelph is committed to an Employment Equity Program that includes special measures to achieve diversity among its faculty and staff. We therefore particularly encourage applications from qualified aboriginal Canadians, persons with disabilities, and members of visible minorities.