MSc Position investigating the role of structured mentoring in communication skills development of veterinary house officers

A 2-year MSc thesis position is available in the Department of Clinical Studies investigating the role of structured mentoring in client communication skills development of veterinary house officers. The position is with Dr. Shane Bateman, Department of Clinical Studies and will commence September 1, 2016.

The project aims to investigate the role that structured feedback and mentoring may have over and above self-assessment and goal-setting for improvement in client communication skills utilized by veterinary house officers (interns and residents). The successful candidate will be responsible for assisting in grant writing for project funding, review of existing literature, input into some elements of experimental design, data collection and analysis and submission of findings for peer-reviewed publication. There will be elements of both qualitative and quantitative data analysis. The candidate will also complete coursework that provides further education and skills development in research methods and topics pertinent to the study subject matter.

Applicants are encouraged to send CV, transcripts, names and contact information of three references, and a cover letter stating interest in the abovementioned title to Dr. Shane Bateman, Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Studies, Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, at sbateman@uoguelph.ca

Selection of the successful candidate 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. Review of applications will begin immediately, and continue until the position is filled. Funding for graduate stipend funding is available.

Research-related inquiries should be directed to Dr. Shane Bateman at sbateman@uoguelph.ca
Further inquiries related to general application procedures can be directed to Mrs. Ariah Easley, Graduate Program Assistant, Department of Clinical Studies, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, N1G 2W1, Canada; phone 519- 824-4120 ext. 54005; e-mail: csgrad@uoguelph.ca