Equine Field Service Internship

The equine field service internship is primarily focused on equine general practice in an ambulatory setting. Caseload is composed primarily of general health care, dentistry, lameness, ophthalmology, reproduction, and emergency management in the field. The intern should have a primary interest in equine ambulatory practice, but will also spend approximately 14 weeks rotating through other services in the hospital such as equine medicine, equine surgery and rehabilitation, anesthesia, emergency and critical care, or farm animal medicine and surgery. During the first 2 months of the program, the intern will be introduced to the area, clients, case management, and teaching methods. The intern will accompany senior clinicians on daily calls including individual cases, herds, performance events, and boarding stables. When appropriate, the intern may serve clients needs without the senior clinician’s presence but with their input. The intern will be expected to assist in teaching veterinary students and veterinary technician students in the field on calls, in the classroom, in daily rounds, and in laboratories.

The equine field service intern will be part of the house officer emergency team and rotate with other house officers on field service and in house emergency cases (both equine and food/farm animal related). The intern will accompany the emergency senior clinician on emergency cases and may have primary case responsibility with time and at the senior clinician’s discretion. The intern may be asked to cover daytime field service emergency cases. The intern will be expected to present an in-depth case report during faculty grand rounds at least once during the year. The intern will also assist fourth year veterinary students in the field service section in preparing case reports for student grand rounds every 3 weeks. The intern will be encouraged to develop an interesting equine case into a report suitable for publication by the end of the program.

Interns are given 10 personal leave days per year. Interns are not required to obtain an individual license in the State of Tennessee. A required orientation program begins on June 15, 2020; the last day of the internship is June 15, 2021. Annual leave cannot be taken during June at the end of the program.

The University of Tennessee, Institute of Agriculture, is committed to equal employment opportunity and affirmative action. Due to funding limitations, this position is open only to the following applicants:
- US citizens
- Those that do not require a VISA to work in the United States
- Those eligible for a Mexican or Canadian NAFTA Professional Worker (TN) VISA

For more details, please contact the authorized administrative official at the University of Tennessee.
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