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**RESIDENCY IN VETERINARY AND COMPARATIVE NUTRITION (companion/large animal track) at the Institute of Animal Nutrition, Vetsuisse Faculty, University of Zurich, Switzerland**

The Institute of Animal Nutrition, Vetsuisse Faculty, University of Zurich, is accepting applications from qualified individuals for a three-year residency in animal nutrition. This program will begin September 1st, 2020.

There is no tuition for the program. Professional liability insurance is provided, but health insurance (approx. CHF 2000 /year) are the responsibility of the individual. Twenty days of annual leave are available. The average annual salary is CHF 47'000 per year.

Residents completing this program will be eligible for the ECVCN (European College for Veterinary and Comparative Nutrition) board examination.

Requirements: Candidates must be fluent in spoken German as well as written and spoken English. All applicants must be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in their country of origin, and priority is given to those candidates that fulfill the following:

- 1) DVM Degree
- 2) 1 year of general internship (small or large animal medicine) or a comparable training–to be acknowledged by the ECVCN-credential committee.
- 3) Practical experience in small animal/large animal medicine. General clinical competency is essential.

The residency program lasts at least 3 years. The first year is addicted to a profound education in clinical nutrition. For this, the candidate has to spend most of his/her time at the nutrition consultation service (small animals; large animals; horses; zoo animals; exotic animals; ambulatoric clinic and herd management unit) and feed analyses as well as at the clinics.

During the training, the candidate should work out a proposal for a scientific study and start the research as soon as possible. The candidate has to publish at least two peer reviewed publications (one of this written in English) during the training (at least one publication should come out of the proposed project). Besides, the trainee has to do nutritional support furthermore. First results of the work should be presented at international meetings.

During the three years of training scientific work has to be completed and publications written. In the third year of training nutrition support and feed analyses have to be managed independently.

The resident is encouraged to attend and present at a national or international conference every year, as well as attend lectures or seminars in the Veterinary Faculty or on University campus. The resident will work under the supervision of senior faculty members and will be responsible for (1)



participating in the daily activities of the consulting services of the Institute including primary case responsibilities and case rounds, (2) participating in regular visits to farms, (3) providing assistance in instruction and supervision of veterinary students as well as doctoral thesis students, (4) presenting one 15-30 minute seminar to the College each year and active participation in nutritional journal clubs, book clubs rounds and rounds.

A major aim of this residency program is to graduate veterinarians who are eligible to take the ECVCN board examinations.

The following application materials are required:

- 1) A personal statement describing background, reasons for applying to the Residency and career goals.
- 2) Current curriculum vitae
- 3) Three letters of recommendation from faculty members or practitioners who have worked directly with the candidate. These letters should address aptitude and performance in intellectual and creative pursuits pertinent to scientific research, knowledge of veterinary medicine, clinical skills, ability to apply knowledge in a clinical situation, and ability to communicate and work with others. These letters should be sent directly by the letter writer to the application address below; they should not be forwarded by the applicant.
- 4) Official transcripts from all post secondary institutions (veterinary schools) attended.

After a review of the applications, we may invite a selected number of applicants for a personal interview.

Applications must be received by August 31, 2020.

All **applications** must be made to the Institute of Animal Nutrition, c/o A. Liesegang  
Vetsuisse Faculty University of Zurich, Winterthurerstrasse 270, 8057 Zurich, Switzerland.

For further **questions** about this program, please contact:  
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