

Assistant/Associate Professor, Clinical Ophthalmology, Academic Clinician (AC) Track

University of Pennsylvania: School of Veterinary Medicine: School of Veterinary Medicine - Clinical Sciences and Advanced Medicine

Location

Philadelphia

Open Date

Jan 13, 2025

Description

The University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Clinical Sciences and Advanced Medicine, Ophthalmology Service invites qualified individuals to apply for an open faculty position in the Academic Clinician (AC) track in Small Animal Ophthalmology at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor. Applications are currently being accepted, and the start date is negotiable.

Academic Clinicians spend the majority of their effort in clinical service and clinical teaching endeavors. The position will focus on patient care, education of veterinary students, training of specialty and rotating interns and ophthalmology residents, and supervision of veterinary nurses. Potential for collaborative research abounds, but advancement within this faculty track does not include a research requirement. Eighty per cent (42 weeks a year) of the ophthalmologist's time will be devoted to clinical service within the Small Animal Ophthalmology Service, with the remaining time dedicated to scholarly activity and administrative duties. The successful candidate is expected to have history of or potential as an exemplary clinician and educator. Faculty AC positions are long-term, non-tenured Associated Faculty positions with reappointment every three years. Promotion along the ladder of the University Academic ranks is available. In addition to working in a dynamic hospital setting with excellent support staff, the advantages of the position include an exciting intellectual environment with outstanding residents and faculty boarded in surgery, dentistry, critical care, anesthesiology, radiology, oncology, and internal medicine. Exotic cases are seen in conjunction with the local zoo and a specialized private practice in the area.

The candidate will join a thriving ophthalmology service with a team of four American College of Veterinary Ophthalmology (ACVO) and European College of Veterinary Ophthalmology (ECVO) diplomates, two talented American Board of Veterinary Ophthalmology residents, one specialty intern, one dedicated certified veterinary nurse, and one nursing assistant. The service is equipped with standard phacoemulsification equipment, an Iridex diode laser, ERG machine, a Heidelberg Spectralis OCT, and has access to advanced imaging modalities such as CT and MRI, as well as radiation therapy.

The service boasts a robust and diverse caseload and serves as a referral center for the Greater Philadelphia area. After-hours responsibilities include shared backup support for residents and the specialty intern on call.

Adjacent to the veterinary hospital are three world-class biomedical hospitals and research centers, which provide excellent opportunities for collaboration: The Perelman School of Medicine, the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and the Wistar Institute (<https://www.upenn.edu/life-at-penn>).

The University provides a comprehensive and competitive benefits package, which includes multiple options for retirement savings and tuition benefits for the candidate's spouse or dependent children. This is an outstanding opportunity for an individual who enjoys working in a vibrant urban environment with an abundance of cultural resources, including music, art, theatres, and fine dining (www.upenn.edu/life-at-penn/philadelphia). Philadelphia offers easy access to New York and Washington DC. Additionally, Wissahickon Valley Park, Valley Forge National Park, and many more recreational amenities are within minutes of the city.

Qualifications

Candidates must have a veterinary degree and be board-certified by the ACVO or ECVO or successfully completed an accredited ACVO/ECVO residency and are preparing for board-certification. Salary will be commensurate with professional and academic credentials and experience.

Application Instructions

The search committee will begin considering applications immediately. The application system will prompt you to attach a letter of intent, a statement of research and personal goals, a Curriculum Vitae, and the names and contact information of three references. These materials should be submitted for the attention of the Search Committee Chair, Dr. Rebecka Hess, Professor of Internal Medicine, Department of Clinical Sciences and Advanced Medicine. Applications can only be submitted and accepted online at <http://apply.interfolio.com> - [<http://apply.interfolio.com/161870>]. Questions should be sent to Dr. Rebecka Hess (rhess@upenn.edu) or Ms. Kelli Cave (kellijw@upenn.edu).