Clinical Pathology Residency
Start date August 2024
University of Wisconsin – Madison
School of Veterinary Medicine

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The School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW-Madison) is accepting applications for our full-time, 3-year resident-training program in clinical pathology for graduate veterinarians. Completed applications received on or before October 6, 2023, will receive full consideration. The goal of this program is to provide diverse learning opportunities to prepare individuals for a career in veterinary clinical pathology and complete the requirements for certification by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP).

Resident training is centered on a diverse diagnostic caseload in domestic large and small animals and zoological species from the University of Wisconsin Veterinary Care (UWVC) hospital, with occasional submissions from outside entities (zoo/wildlife, research animals (including domestic species, rodents, and primates), specialty and general practice clinics). Residents are assigned weekly duty (32-, 20-, and 16-weeks per training year) with a board-certified clinical pathologist and progress towards independence in the third year of the training program. Duty is comprised of microscopy of cytologic specimens, consultation on blood smears, review of finalized diagnostic test results from all areas of the diagnostic laboratory including outside laboratories, and troubleshooting laboratory queries from laboratory staff, clinicians, and veterinary medical students. On-call performance of laboratory testing comprises 15-20 shifts (overnights and weekend days) per year. In the third year, the resident is on-call for out-of-hours cytologic specimens during their duty weeks (0-3 calls per 7-day week).

The training program also utilizes learning opportunities from didactic seminars, case rounds, online courses, and focused topic workshops. Rounds and seminars include weekly clinical pathology sessions as well as joint rounds with anatomic pathologists and small animal internists. If desired, residents can audit graduate-level coursework through campus offerings. For residents with special interests, training opportunities with laboratory animals, nonhuman primates, and wildlife-zoological species are available. Our residents actively participate in the core clinical pathology course for veterinary medical students and in the clinical pathology elective rotation offered twice a year to students in their clinical year of training. Additional teaching opportunities are available to interested residents.

Dedicated mentors include three board-certified clinical pathologists, Kristen Friedrichs, DACVP '03, Nina Zitzer, PhD, DACVP '18, and Allison Dusick, DACVP '16. Your resident cohort in pathology includes a second clinical pathology resident and four anatomic pathology residents. You will have dedicated individual space within a group office shared with other pathologists and/or pathology trainees. Discretionary funds are available for educational and research purposes. Expectations for progression in the residency include attainment of clinical
independence with available consultations in the 3rd year of the program, completion of a resident research project based upon individual interests, submission of one or more abstracts for presentation at a regional or national meeting, submission of at least one manuscript for publication based on case materials or original research, collegiality and professional engagement with coworkers and students, and dedication to personal and professional development and the Mission of the UW-SVM. Our residents have a 90% success record of passing the certifying examination on their first effort and are employed in academia, private diagnostic laboratories, and toxicologic pathology. Concurrent graduate training is not available; however, the University of Wisconsin has a highly regarded graduate training program with many mentors located within the School of Veterinary Medicine. Those with interest in graduate training are encouraged to apply to the UW Graduate School upon completion of their residency.

Madison blends the best of big town living (restaurants, music, Big Ten sports, public transportation) with a small-town feel (commuter and recreational bike trails, state and local parks, and accessible farms and stables).

One of the School of Veterinary Medicine’s fundamental principles is to foster a welcoming and inclusive community that is infused with high ethical standards, professionalism, and compassion. We value the contributions of each person and respect the profound ways their identity, culture, background, experience, status, abilities, and opinion enrich the university community. We commit ourselves to the pursuit of excellence in teaching, research, outreach, and diversity as inextricably linked goals.

Date posted: July 17, 2023
Application deadline: October 6, 2023
Start date: mid-August 2024
Location: Madison, Wisconsin
Position: 3-year full-time residency, renewed annually upon satisfactory progress
Salary: $39,500 includes benefits, annual increase, on-call compensation, and allocated CE funds.
Educational requirement: DVM/VMD or equivalent degree
Licensure: Wisconsin State license (reduced-cost limited licensure is available for UWVC employees)

Please email the following application materials with CLINICAL PATHOLOGY resident applicant in the subject line to PBS Admin at pbs-admin@vetmed.wisc.edu.

- Letter of intent and current career goals
- Curriculum vitae
- Transcripts sent from your school of veterinary medical education.
- Names and contacts for three referees; however, please ask your referees to send their letters directly to the email listed above with the same subject line.
• If English is your second language, include documentation of English language skills, e.g., TOEFL.
• Applicants must possess a DVM/VMD or equivalent degree and be eligible for Wisconsin licensure.

In some years, the US Department of Labor and Homeland Security has informed us that due to ongoing prevailing wage concerns, we are unable to accept foreign nationals into our program. We actively work with the Secretary of Homeland Security each year to resolve this issue and last year the school was able to accept some foreign nationals, assuming visa requirements were met. Candidates are encouraged to check the status of visas between their home country and the US.

Please email Dr. Friedrichs (kristen.friedrichs@wisc.edu) with any questions you may have about our training program.

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