JOB POSTING

ACZM Residency in Zoological and Wildlife Health Management

The University of Illinois, Forest Preserves of Cook County, and Chicago Zoological Society are excited to announce a three-year (36 month) ACZM residency in Zoological and Wildlife Health Management (IZWHM). The residency is in compliance with the American College of Zoological Medicine (ACZM) guidelines and is supervised by at least 5 Diplomates of this college. This will be a second residency position and the new resident will overlap with the current resident for 1 year. The residency is designed to integrate experiences primarily from free-ranging wildlife managed by the Forest Preserves of Cook County with some clinical experiences with zoo-managed wildlife at the Chicago Zoological Society's Brookfield Zoo. The objective is to provide clinical training that will enable the resident to become competent in free-ranging wildlife management, zoo, and aquatic medicine and provide the necessary requirements to be eligible for certification in the American College of Zoological Medicine. The career goals of successful candidates will encompass free-ranging wildlife health management (local, state, or national government) or academia focusing on population health of wildlife.

Leaders in Cook County recognized the need for population management of wildlife in the early 1900's, and established the Forest Preserves of Cook County over 100 years ago with the goal of protecting and preserving public open spaces and regional wildlife. Today, with over 70,000 acres, Cook County contains one of the oldest and largest forest preserve districts in the United States (US). Thanks to broad wildlife conservation efforts, several local species' population numbers are stable or increasing. However, the changes in landscape features, species composition, human population size and emerging diseases continue to threaten the health and populations of local wildlife species. The resident would obtain clinical experience under the mentorship of ACZM diplomates with a broad range of taxa including reptiles, mammals, birds, and fish. The resident would be integrally involved in wildlife health management of at least nine different populations including: white-tailed deer, Blanding's turtles, red-eared sliders, soft-shelled turtles, river otters, several populations of raptors, coyote, several species of shore and aquatic birds, and various fish species.

The program requires the completion of a Masters of Science Degree which includes graduate level coursework through the University of Illinois. Residents are required to write and submit three manuscripts produced in conjunction with their residency for publication to fulfill residency requirements and to receive their residency certificate at the completion of their program. At least one manuscript must be an original research project which meets the Master's degree guidelines and is selected with input from veterinary mentors. If the resident already has a Master's degree in veterinary medicine or a related field, the degree requirement is waived, but a research project is
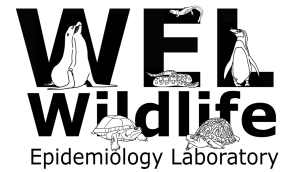
still required. Residents will receive a minimum of 8 hours per week, or the equivalent in regularly scheduled week-long blocks, to complete independent study, research, off-clinics training, paperwork, and communications.

Case Information:

2023 Cases Total: 1030 (Wildlife only)
By Taxa:

| | |
|---|---|
| Herptiles | 568 |
| Mammals | 37 |
| Fish | 12 |
| Avian | 276 |
| Invertebrates | 129 |

Required or Desired Skills:

Candidates must have a DVM or equivalent degree from an AVMA accredited program. Foreign graduates must hold a DVM from an AVMA accredited college or have completed the AVMA Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) certification program or the program for the assessment of veterinary education equivalence (PAVE). Applicants for whom English is a second language must score 100 iBT or above on the test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

Candidates must have successfully completed North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) or its equivalent and be eligible for licensing in Illinois. A license to practice veterinary medicine in Illinois is required prior to the beginning of the second year of the residency. A minimum of one year Post-DVM training (e.g., small animal internship, zoological animal internship, clinical practice) is required.

Due to issues related to prompt entry into this program, participants must be a citizen of the US, Canada, or Mexico, a US permanent resident (i.e. holding a "green card"), or other foreign national with employment authorization from US Citizenship and Immigration Services valid for and during the program's period of proposed training without our provision of assistance, support or sponsorship in obtaining employment authorization.

The University of Illinois offers a complete benefits package. Malpractice coverage is provided under the U of I blanket plan for service provided to university clients only. Funding is provided for continuing education ($2K annually). The position starts in mid-July of each year with annual re-appointment for a maximum of three years based on annual performance. Residents will be employed by UIUC-CVM (Insitutional base resident salary with Chicago cost of living adjustment) which includes benefits

through UIUC-CVM with vacation and sick leave accruing monthly. The UIUC is an AA-EOE.

The position would start in July, 15 2024 pending executed funding contract between the University of Illinois and Forest Preserves of Cook County.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Due to late notice of this position, decisions on this position will be delayed until after the VIRMP match date of March 2024. However, interviews may be conducted prior to March and interested candidates are encouraged to apply prior to **MARCH 1, 2024**.

To inquire about this position, please contact Dr. Matt Allender, [mcallend@illinois.edu](mailto:mcallend@illinois.edu). To apply, send a CV, letter of intent, and a list of 3 references to Dr. Allender.