Aquatic Animal Health Fellowship at UC Davis

This is a one-year program designed to train post-graduate veterinarians in the field of aquatic animal health. Specifically, this program will train candidates to integrate expertise in aquatic animal medicine into the broader fields of animal, human, and ecosystem health, through experiences from aquaculture, fisheries, public aquaria, companion animal medicine, academia and research. An additional goal of the fellowship program is to increase the diversity of veterinarians involved in aquatic animal medicine. Candidates are encouraged to address this and how their selection will help achieve enhanced diversity.

This position is based in Davis, CA, but will require travel throughout California for specialized training. As directed by on-site collaborators, the fellow shares clinical, research and teaching responsibility for UC Davis aquatic animal health program, CA Academy of Sciences, Monterey Bay Aquarium and Aquarium of the Pacific. Although most of the work will focus on teleost fish medicine, the fellow will gain experience from the diverse caseload consisting of invertebrates, elasmobranchs, amphibians, reptiles, birds and marine mammals that are housed or cultured in the different institutions or in collaborating laboratories or aquaculture farms.

Salary is based on the University of California Academic Salary Scale, in accordance with current Intern Salary scale. A full-benefits package consisting of medical/dental and vision plans will also be offered. The fellow is required to relocate during the different rotations. Some funds are available to support some of the travel and relocation expenses.

The candidate must have a demonstrated ability to work in a team atmosphere. Evidence of recent research, scholarly productivity, and experience in aquatic animal, zoo, exotic and/or laboratory animal medicine are preferred. Applicants for the fellowship should be graduates of an AVMA accredited veterinary college or be ECFVG certified and be eligible for California veterinary licensure. National and international applicants are welcome. Applicants whose native language or language of instruction is not English must take the TOEFL or IELTS. The minimum scores required for admission to graduate study at UC Davis are: 550 on the TOEFL paper-based test (PBT), or 104 on the TOEFL internet-based test (iBT). TOEFL scores expire after two years. Scores that are older than two years will not be accepted by UC Davis. The minimum overall band score required for admission to graduate study at UC Davis is 7.0 on a 9-point scale. IELTS scores expire after two years. Scores that are older than two years will not be accepted by UC Davis.

Candidate must be eligible for a TN (Mexico and Canada) or J-1 visa with no bars or home country requirement. J-1 scholars must have adequate health insurance coverage for the duration of their appointment.
SPECIAL NOTE: The California Veterinary Medical Board requires all veterinarians working at the University of California, Davis with primary patient care duties to hold a full California license or a University veterinary license. To obtain a University veterinary license, veterinarians who are not licensed in the state of California will be required to take a short open-book jurisprudence test, in addition to being background checked and fingerprinted. The cost of obtaining the University veterinary license will be the responsibility of the trainee. The limited license only permits individuals to work in California as veterinarians for University-related practice.

This position is a critical position and subject to a background check. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of background investigation including criminal history and identity checks.

The University of California, California Academy of Sciences, Aquarium of the Pacific, and Monterey Bay Aquarium are affirmative action/equal opportunity employer, and we welcome diversity in science.

How To Apply:

To receive fullest consideration, applications must be received by April 1st 2023. Interested applicants should submit 1) a letter of intent outlining special interest in the position, overall related qualifications and experiences and career goals; 2) curriculum vitae; and 3) the names and addresses of three professional references to:

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