



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH

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Professional Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine/Residency in Small Animal Oncology

A new position has become available for a 4-year Professional Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine (Residency) in Small Animal Oncology. The successful scholar will work towards a doctorate of veterinary medicine degree. This programme also satisfies the requirements for European Board Certification (DECVIM-CA (Oncology)).

The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies has an international reputation in Cancer Research and Clinical Oncology, creating an ideal environment for postgraduate training. Our clinical unit includes the Riddell Swan Cancer Centre, a purpose-built cancer facility housing state-of-the-art imaging and radiotherapy facilities (Varian Medical Systems VitalBeam linear accelerator) and supports the expanding oncology service.

Our team includes European and American Boarded Medical and Radiation Oncologists and is supported by a dedicated nursing and technical team. Having a world-leading research facility creates ideal opportunities for residents to be exposed to major advances in cancer research.

More information on the team and the hospital can be found via <https://vet.ed.ac.uk/clinical/small-animal>

The ideal candidate will have an enthusiasm for oncology, strong work ethic, and the ability to work as part of a dedicated team in a busy service. A minimum of 2 years relevant clinical experience or a one-year rotating internship in an established centre is required. Previous oncology experience is preferable.

The DVetMed residency is available from 1st March 2027 and will run for a four-year fixed-term, renewable annually subject to an annual review of progress and completion of required DVetMed components.

The scholarship attracts an annual tax-free stipend of £30,488.00 and an additional allowance of £1,500 per annum available for approved travel, examination fees and CPD. Postgraduate fees will be paid by the University of Edinburgh at UK level.

Informal enquiries are encouraged and should be directed to Professor Laura Blackwood (laura.blackwood@ed.ac.uk) or by telephone on 0131 650 7650.

Applications should be made via the online form available here:

<https://vet.ed.ac.uk/clinical/vacancies/clinicalscholarships/scholarship-vacancies>

Please remember to indicate for which specialty you are making the application. For any application related queries, please contact DVetMed@ed.ac.uk.

Closing date for applications: 30th September 2026

Please note that the online form will close automatically after the above date and no applications can be made beyond this date.

Committed to Equality and Diversity

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ECVIM-CA job advert transparency and comparability checklist
(compulsory for all job advertisements published on the ECVIM-CA website)

1. Does this position come with a financial penalty when the successful applicant/resident leaves the position prematurely?

no

(ECVIM position on penalties and non-competes: <https://bvajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/vetr.4366>)

2. Does this position come with a “non-compete”, defined as any contractual obligations to NOT work in a certain position and/or a certain geography after leaving the position for a limited or unlimited time period?

no

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3. Is out of hours work required with this position?

yes

4. When out of hours work is required, is a compensatory period of rest given subsequent to the extra work?

yes/no If the resident has a busy night/weekend they are sent home but this on an ad hoc basis. Centre has ECC staff, and nurses and interns 24/7 on shifts so burden of on call activity is reduced, resident is on call only.

5. If this concerns a residency position: What is the nett (after tax and compulsory deductions) salary or stipend offered in Euros per month?

Euro xxxx / month

Tax free stipend £30,488 (Euro 35496)

CPD £1500 (Euro 1713) per year

(Additional payment if frequency of on call is greater than 1 in 4)

6. If this concerns a residency position: will the employer pay for the examination fees associated with this training position?

yes, fully (certifier not paid if resident has left University prior to time of paying for exam)

