

## Residency in Small Animal Internal Medicine: Program Specifics

Please see “House Officer Programs: General Information” for basic information common to all internship and residency programs. The following information highlights specific program requirements of the Small Animal Internal Medicine residency program.

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Faculty Diplomates serving as supervisors and potential advisers of the program:

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**Specialty College:** American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Small Animal Internal Medicine)

- Requirements for candidate registration, certification, and examination are outlined in the 2018-2019 ACVIM Certification Manual (CM) ([www.acvim.org](http://www.acvim.org)).

### Clinical program requirements

	Year 1 # Weeks	Year 2 # Weeks	Year 3 # Weeks	Total # Weeks	On-site or off-site
<b>Intensive clinical training in SAIM (minimum of 68 weeks)</b>					
Direct supervision	31	32	27	90	On-site
Indirect supervision			4	4	
<b>Clinical training in other AVMA-approved specialties (minimum of 16 weeks)</b>					
Oncology, Cardiology, Neurology, ECC	8	2	6	16	On/off-site
<b>Additional clinical training and off clinics time (72 weeks)</b>					
Diagnostic imaging	0	1 (radiology)	1 (ultrasound)	2	off-site
Clinical pathology	0	2	0	2	On/off-site
Research/studying	8	9	11	28	On/off-site
ACVIM Meeting	0	1	1	2	
Vacation	2	2	2	6	
Electives**	3	3		6	
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>156</b>	

\*\*Can be used as scholarly activity or study/board prep time too.

### Seminar/Rounds requirements

Rounds type	Frequency	Day/Time	Commitment
HO Seminar/Case Presentation	Weekly	Thursdays @ 8am	Required
SAIM Journal Club	Weekly	Tuesdays @ 8am	Required
Boards preparation course	Weekly during fall	Fridays @ 8 am	Required

	and spring semester		
Morbidity & Mortality Rounds	Monthly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 8am	Required
ECC Rounds	Weekly	Wednesdays @ 3pm	Encouraged
ECG Rounds	Monthly	4 <sup>th</sup> Weds @ 8am	Required
Student Grand Rounds	Weekly	Fridays @ 8am	Encouraged

**Scholarship requirements: Research project timeline**

- Year 1: The resident is required to identify, outline, and provide an anticipated schedule for completion of a research project which can serve as the publication requirement for ACVIM purposes in December of the first year of the residency. If applicable, an associated research grant proposal should be completed and submitted for funding.
- Year 2: Continue progress on data collection and analysis for project identified in Year 1. The resident is *encouraged* to submit a manuscript for publication in an ACVIM-approved journal by the completion of their second year of residency. This manuscript may or may not be related to the project identified in Year 1 (e.g., can be an additional retrospective study).
- Year 3: The resident is required to submit findings from their research project for presentation (oral abstract or poster presentation) to ACVIM or other acceptable national/international forum. **A manuscript on the project must be prepared and submitted for publication to an approved peer reviewed journal before the end of the program in order to receive residency certificate.** The research project must be completed during the 3 year residency training program.

**Optional Masters of Science (MS) degree program:**

- There is an optional thesis MS program that can be pursued concurrently with the residency. A decision must be made by January of the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the residency whether the resident will pursue an MS degree.