



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH

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Professional Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine (Residency) in Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care

Applications are invited from veterinary graduates for a Professional Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine (Residency) in Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care (ECC). The role is based within the Hospital for Small Animals (HfSA) at the School's Easter Bush campus. The successful scholar will work towards a doctorate of veterinary medicine degree. This programme also satisfies the requirements for certification by the European College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care (ECVECC) and prepares the candidate for the certifying ECVECC examination.

The scholar will receive high quality training encompassing clinical experience, didactic teaching and research. The scholar will spend the majority of time undertaking clinical duties at the HfSA as part of the ECC service. The scholar will work as part of an ECC team which is currently comprised of 3 ECC Diplomates (DACVECC +/- DECVECC), 1 Internal Medicine Diplomat (DECVIM-CA), 6 ECC residents, 2 ECC speciality interns and a team of highly motivated and dedicated ECC nurses, many with VTS qualifications, to provide the highest level of compassionate veterinary care to patients managed through the ECC service. The scholar will work a combination of day, twilight and out-of-hours shifts.

Our dedicated Intensive Care Unit is staffed 24-hours a day and is well equipped to ensure the highest level of emergency and critical care. The Intensive Care Unit can accommodate 12 small animal patients, and is equipped with two Intensobox oxygen kennels, a Hamilton Medical mechanical ventilator, two high flow nasal oxygen units, extensive in-house laboratory facilities, imaging facilities and advanced haemodynamic monitoring capabilities. We are also in the process of implementing a therapeutic plasma exchange programme. Working as part of a multi-disciplinary team alongside specialists in surgery, anaesthesia, diagnostic imaging, neurology, cardiology, internal medicine, dermatology and oncology ensures a collaborative and holistic approach to patient care.

Along with the strong clinical emphasis, teaching and clinical research will be integral components of the residency programme. Our ECC residents have had great research success to date to include successfully obtaining research grants for prospective studies and presenting abstracts at both EVECC Congress and IVECCS.

More information on the team and the hospital can be found via <http://www.ed.ac.uk/vet/services/small-animals>

The ideal candidate will have proven enthusiasm for emergency and critical care, strong work ethic, and the ability to work as part of a dedicated team in a busy service. Have completed a rotating internship, ECC internship or equivalent experience (generally 2 years of practice). Provide evidence of commitment to growth and development of the field of emergency and critical care

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 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 eccseniorvets@ed.ac.uk

Applications should be made via the following online form:

https://www.star.euclid.ed.ac.uk/public/urd/sits.urd/run/siw_ipp_lgn.login?process=siw_ip_p_app&code1=PTDVMVETMD1F&code2=0074

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.

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