

Postgraduate Internships (6 months)

GVEH also offers one or two rotating internships of 6-months duration. These shorter duration internships are open to recently graduated veterinarians, with at least 12 months post graduate experience, who are seeking to improve their skills and confidence in equine practice. Interns undertaking the 6-month programme gain experience in equine medicine, surgery, orthopaedics, anaesthesia and reproduction during the busy season of August through to February each year.

The hospital is dynamic and busy, with the caseload split equally between first opinion and referral cases. During the season, the clinic admits 75-100 foals for intensive care. The reproduction centre performs assisted breeding (embryo transfer, fresh and frozen artificial insemination), stallion breeding management and undertakes routine stud work. GVEH is a University of Melbourne training centre, with all final year veterinary students rotating through the hospital from January to October each year.

Overall, the rotating internship provides the recent graduate with detailed post graduate training in most aspects of modern equine practice. We aim to produce veterinarians with the skill and competency to be immediately useful to first opinion equine ambulatory practices. Many interns have gone onto successfully complete specialist residency training in Australia and overseas, in both private and academic institutions in the fields of medicine, emergency and critical care, surgery and reproduction.

6-month interns participate in the after-hours roster with yearlong interns, with a 1 in 2 nights and 1 in 2 weekend rota. Typically, during the season 3 interns are 'on call' each night or weekend to help distribute the workload.

Eligibility to work in Australia

Interns must possess a veterinary degree registrable with the Veterinary Practitioners Board of Victoria, Australia. International interns accepting a 6-month position will need to obtain a working holiday visa prior to starting at GVEH. Yearlong interns will receive assistance from the hospital for their visa application.

Closing dates for internship applications

Six month internship - August start: Applications are accepted until January 31st of the internship year. Interviews are conducted as applications are received.

We recommend potential interns applying for the program visit the hospital. Given internship applications close 6-months prior to the start date, it is recommended applicants visit GVEH before submitting their application. It is also recommended to get in touch well before the application closing date to ensure you are considered for the above positions.

For more information or to forward an application please email the practice manager, Robert Ralston on robert.ralston@gvequine.com.au or Dr Stacey Sullivan on stacey.sullivan@gvequine.com.au