
THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL
SCHOOL OF VETERINARY SCIENCE

Senior Training Scholarship in Veterinary Pathology

Scholarship £22,000

This training post, provided in association with Chester Zoo, offers an exciting opportunity for a veterinarian interested in a career in zoo and wildlife veterinary pathology. You will be trained in undertaking diagnostic pathology work on a range of species from Chester Zoo, assist with small group veterinary undergraduate teaching and undertake a collaborative research project in the final year. The training will prepare you for the ECVF certifying examinations and you will complete a Diploma and MSc in Veterinary Professional Studies as part of the programme. You must have an RCVS registrable veterinary degree and must have at least one year experience as a veterinarian in a field relevant to veterinary pathology. The position is available from 1st January 2025 but must be taken up no later than 1st February 2025; it will run until late December 2027.

Job Ref: STSZ2024

Closing Date: 20th September 2024

Please send a Covering letter and CV to: sally.miller@liverpool.ac.uk Tel 0151 794 2917
Please quote Job Ref in all enquiries

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Senior Training Scholarship in Veterinary Pathology: Combined residency and MSc

Area: Department of Veterinary Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology

Job Ref: STSZ2024

Location: Leahurst Campus, Wirral

Scholarship: £22000

Working Hours: Full time

Tenure: 3 years

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About the Role



Role overview and University context:

Prime objectives:

- Intensive post-graduate training in the field of veterinary pathology to enable the successful candidate to pursue a career in the field
- Completion of post-graduate Diploma in Veterinary Professional Studies and Masters in Veterinary Professional Studies
- Completion of a post-graduate qualification in veterinary pathology (Dipl.ECVP)

The Department of Veterinary Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology is a department within the School of Veterinary Science and Institute of Infection, Veterinary and Ecological Sciences, bringing together the disciplines of veterinary pathology, anatomy, physiology and veterinary microbiology. The veterinary pathology group within the department is comprised of 7 lecturers in veterinary pathology (2 Professors, 3 Senior Lecturers, 2 Lecturers). There are several training scholars in veterinary pathology that complement the veterinary pathology group, one of those posts are now available. The primary supervisor of the residency programme is Dr Richard Blundell, although residents will work with and receive day to day supervision from all academic members of the group, especially Prof Julian Chantrey who specialises in zoo animal pathology, as this position involves 70% of this caseload, primarily animals from Chester Zoo.

The Veterinary Pathology Diagnostic Service (part of Veterinary Laboratory Services) is based within the department. It is provided by the 7 pathology lecturers and currently 4 senior training scholars with the support of technical and administrative staff. It offers post-mortem examinations and services in histopathology (biopsies) and immunohistochemistry. The service performs also ~300 post-mortem examinations per year across the range of domestic species (primarily dogs, cats and horses) – and will constitute the remaining 30% of the resident's caseload. An important component of this caseload is veterinary forensic pathology, a field in which the University of Liverpool has a particularly strong reputation. Experience of other areas of veterinary pathology may be gained through specific short external placements which are encouraged to complement the training offered.

Responsibilities:

The bulk of the training will consist of working on the diagnostic rota alongside one of the senior pathologists. Although 70% of the time will be specialising in zoo animal pathology, 30% of your time will be on domestic animal rotation in blocks of 3 weeks consisting of post-mortem duty, biopsy duty and a consolidation week. This gives residents time to work up and report post-mortem cases and allows the pursuit of research activities, particularly for the MSc course. This rota may be altered according to operational needs as required.

Scholars will be trained in all the roles of the pathologist: post-mortem examination, recording of gross findings in a preliminary report, selection and preparation of tissues for further examination, rigorous and detailed histopathological examination and the writing of pathological reports. Senior pathologists will supervise all elements and this interaction will comprise the majority of the training. The training post is designed to enable candidates to be successful both in the ECVP examination and to prepare them to be competent pathologists in their future careers.



About You



There is no specific requirement for out of hours duty, as the service is unable to offer this routinely. There are circumstances in which exceptions may be made and we may request scholars to be available at a weekend for example.

Senior training scholars will have no formal teaching responsibilities but will assist the academic staff in the delivery of undergraduate teaching. This comprises small group teaching and a necropsy class to third year students, including assessment of student reports. Scholars will also help supervise final year students whilst on pathology rotation and may also assist lecturers in the delivery of gross pathology and histopathology practical classes.

Postgraduate qualifications

Training scholars are expected to register as trainees of the European College of Veterinary Pathologists. The University of Liverpool is a registered training centre and 4 of the senior pathologists are diplomates of the college. The other senior pathologists are Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists or Fellows of the Royal College of Pathologists. After 36 months of continuous attendance candidates are entitled to take the qualifying examination for the European College (Dipl.ECVP). Our residency programme is designed with training for this qualification as one of its main objectives and we have an excellent track record of successful candidates. Specific exam focused training within the scholarship includes participation in the Joint Pathology Center Wednesday Slide Conferences where the skills of histopathological description are perfected. We also run journal clubs where contemporary scientific papers are analysed for experience in data analysis and comprehension of current scientific techniques, and where scholars can keep up to date with the relevant literature as it is published. We have a wealth of digital gross pathology images for training for that part of the exam. Mock exams are available for use towards the end of the position for specific exam preparation. Scholars are encouraged to attend the ECVP Summer School in 2 years of the residency and to attend the ESVP congress on one occasion. Attendance at other CPD courses will be supported as long as budget and commitments to the rota allow.

Training scholars will also register as a postgraduate student with the University of Liverpool on a programme in Veterinary Professional Studies, administered by the Veterinary Postgraduate Unit. This will comprise a series of modules to be undertaken throughout the 3 years of the scholarship, leading to the award of the postgraduate Diploma and culminating with a research project leading to the award of an MSc. Modules include pathology-specific subjects such as forensic pathology, and clinically- based modules. The final MSc project will be supervised by one of the academic members of staff from the pathology group, the specific details of which will be confirmed once the scholarship is in progress.

Research interests within the group focus of infectious disease, toxicology, neuropathology, image analysis and forensic veterinary pathology. We also collaborate widely with clinical colleagues on a broad variety of clinical research projects.



About You



Duties:

- Undertake work on diagnostic pathology rota under supervision of senior pathologist.
- Contribute to veterinary undergraduate teaching.
- Complete requirements for Diploma and MSc in Veterinary Professional Studies.
- Prepare for candidature of ECVP examination.
- Undertake other duties commensurate with the residency position as required.

Additional requirements:

Manual Handling

Biohazards

Pathogens

Exposure to Animals

Gluteraldehyde/Asthmagens

In addition to the above, all University of Liverpool staff are required to:

- Adhere to all University policies and procedures, completing all obligatory training and induction modules, including Equality & Diversity and Health & Safety.
- Respect confidentiality: all confidential information should be kept in confidence and not released to unauthorised persons.
- Participate in the University's Professional Development Review scheme and take a proactive approach to own professional development.
- Demonstrate customer service excellence in dealing with all stakeholders.
- Embody and uphold the University's Vision and Values.



About You



Essential Criteria	Desirable Criteria
Experience	
Postgraduate experience as a veterinarian in a field relevant to veterinary pathology (minimum 1 year, due to the requirements of ECVP)	Experience in teaching veterinary undergraduates
	Experience in veterinary pathology
	Basic exotic / zoo animal pathology experience
Education, Qualifications and Training	
EU and RCVS-recognised veterinary degree. MRCVS, or eligible for membership	PhD or other postgraduate research degree
Skills, General and Special Knowledge	
High level of general veterinary knowledge	Specific awareness of aspects of veterinary pathology
Ability to communicate clearly and confidently at all levels	
Good interpersonal, organisational and communication skills (spoken and written English)	
Personal Attributes and Circumstances	
Enthusiasm for the application of veterinary pathology to animal and public health and research, and for working in multidisciplinary teams	
Ability to work in a team	



About You



Ambition to embark on a career in veterinary pathology and to take the ECVP certifying examination	
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Contacting us

Shortlisting and interview arrangements are the responsibility of the recruiting department. Please email: sally.miller@liverpool.ac.uk

Job description

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How to Apply



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The UKVI have an interactive tool allowing you to immediately see if vacancies are eligible for a Skilled Worker visa. You will need to know the SOC code for the role, our most used SOC codes can be found [here](#), if none of these apply to this role, there are more codes on the eligibility checker. The skilled worker eligibility checker can be found on [GOV.UK](#).

Disabilities and alternative formats

If you have any other requirements which will help you access the application or interview process or employment opportunities at the University, or if you require copies documentation in alternative formats, please email: sally.miller@liverpool.ac.uk or telephone **0151 794 2917**.

Outcome of your application

The recruiting department will endeavour to respond to each application. However, if you have not heard within six weeks of the closing date, please take it that your application has not been successful on this occasion.



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