American College of Veterinary Pathologists
Veterinary Student-Resident Forum
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Dear Veterinary Students,

Welcome to the Veterinary Student-Resident (VSR) Forum at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) and the American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ASVCP)! This VSR Forum provides a wonderful opportunity for you to speak with residents and pathologists representing various programs specializing in anatomic and clinical pathology residency training and graduate education. Information about all of the programs is included in this booklet, which will be an invaluable resource as you prepare for summer pathology and research experiences, externships and residency applications.

Similar information can also be found in the extensive directory of veterinary and comparative pathology training programs on the ACVP (https://www.acvp.org/page/Training_Programs) and ASVCP (https://www.asvcp.org/page/TrainingPositions) websites. If you don’t see a posted position for an institution to which you are particularly interested in applying, don’t hesitate to call or email the contacts listed in this booklet or in the directories noted above. Application due dates vary between institutions but typically range from October 1st to December 1st. I would recommend submitting your applications earlier, as some programs review applications as they are received, although decisions are only made after the due date.

In general, most residency applications will require a letter of intent, your updated curriculum vitae (CV), a statement of career goals, your transcripts with cumulative grade point average and class rank, GRE test scores, and letters of reference. However, be sure to read postings carefully so as not to miss special application procedures. Your CV should provide details of your scholarly accomplishments and relevant pathology and research experiences. Identify people as references who know you well and can speak to your experiences and career goals. Make sure they are aware of your intent to apply for pathology residencies and the due dates for your various applications. If possible, plan to coordinate an externship at your top institution(s), even if it is just for one week. If you are unable to do an externship, you might consider coordinating a visit at some point during the summer or early in the fall when you will be applying. Externships or short visits benefit both the institution and potential applicant. Faculty will be able to match personalities with names and achievements on paper. In addition, you will be able to see the area, speak with current faculty and residents, and see what a resident’s life is like. You might have opportunities to attend rounds, seminars and interact closely with faculty and residents. Once you have sent off your applications, don’t hesitate to contact the application coordinators to ensure that all of your materials have been received in advance of the due date.

We hope you find this VSR Forum beneficial. We welcome any suggestions you might have to improve future forums. Please, feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Best of luck to y’all,

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