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Externship/Erasmus+ Traineeship Program

Ospedale Veterinario Universitario

Università degli Studi di Torino, ITALY



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EXTERNSHIP APPLICATION OVERVIEW

VISITING/ERASMUS+ TRAINEESHIP STUDENTS

Visiting or Erasmus+ students (Erasmus+ Traineeship Program) from other veterinary schools and colleges may apply to visit the Ospedale Veterinario Universitario (OVU) (Veterinary University Hospital) at the University of Turin. Students who have completed 3 years of a 4 year program or 4 years of a 5 year program or who have completed the theoretical part of their training may be eligible to select from a number of clinical rotations (see clinical services on home page). Students must have started or be ready to start their clinical rotations.

The externship is for a period from one to maximum three months, starting at the beginning of the month. Our program is designed for students who seriously intend to spend part of their clinical rotations in a foreign University to enrich their professional and cultural experience.

Because we strive for cultural diversity, applications are received from veterinary students worldwide.

Generally, no more than two students are selected from a country and a maximum of 6 students are accepted each year. Acceptance is not influenced by gender or race of the applicant.

Graduate veterinarians are not eligible.

Italian is the language spoken by the faculty members, veterinary clinicians and staff.

It is recommended that students acquire some basic understanding of Italian (level CELI 2 - B1, <http://www.cvcl.it/categorie/categoria-65?explicit=SI>) but it is essential that students are able to speak, understand and write in the English language (level B2). The University of Turin offers to all Erasmus+ students free courses of Italian language. Preferences and interests to spend a clinical rotation with small, non conventional and/or large animals should be notified through the "Pre-application Form for ERASMUS+ Traineeship", and the completed "Erasmus + Learning Agreement for Traineeship", forwarded by email to the

Erasmus Board Chair or Vice-Chair members or to erasmus.veterinaria@unito.it

All veterinary students who wish to visit must apply. Applicants are encouraged to apply three to six months in advance of their arrival and should indicate one or two preferred periods for their proposed visit.

Please note that in case of acceptance, applicants need to contact the International Mobility and Educational Section (internationalexchange@unito.it) to receive registration instructions.

The deadlines for filling in the Application Form for the current academic year can be found at the following link:

<https://www.unito.it/internazionalita/studenti-e-ospiti-internazionali/studenti-erasmus-e-mobilita>

For more information please consult the following link:

<https://www.unito.it/internazionalita/studiare-e-lavorare-allestero/erasmus/erasmus-traineeship>

Selections are based upon:

- Space availability
- Satisfactory completion of all years up to final year of veterinary school
- Good spoken and written skills in Italian or good to excellent spoken and written skills in English
- Securing of proper visa or short stay permit (if coming from extra-EU countries)
- If needed, ability of student to fund travel and living expenses while visiting.

Each accepted extern student is responsible to arrange for a VISA (if from extra-EU countries), a round-trip ticket to Turin, and room and board nearby the Veterinary University Hospital

SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL PRACTICE DESCRIPTION

The Ospedale Veterinario Universitario (OVU) of the University of Turin is located in Grugliasco, in the province of Turin, Italy. The hospital was established in 1999 and operates, as part of the Struttura Didattica Speciale Veterinaria, within the Department of Veterinary Sciences. The Department of Veterinary Sciences, School of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, conducts an integrated, statewide mission of teaching, research and service benefiting animal, human and environmental health. The Department has its roots in the past because the "Facoltà di Medicina Veterinaria", founded in 1769, was the fourth School of Veterinary Medicine in the world and the first in Italy. In 2002 it was found to comply with EU directives EEC 1026/78 and 1027/78 EEC by the European Association of Establishment for Veterinary Education (EAEVE) and then

was re-approved April 12, 2011 by the European Committee of Veterinary Education (ECOVE) of 'EAEVE based on the new European directives concerning the requirements for teaching and the characteristics of the veterinary profession.

The OVU is open to the public and sees all animal species. The hospital provides small (dogs and cats), large (equine and livestock) and unconventional animal (exotic, avian and wild animals) clinical services, with emergency, intensive care and isolation facilities, a Health Kennel and three mobile units to provide teaching and clinical service in the field. It also offers diagnostic imaging services (ultrasound, CR and DR radiography, fluoroscopy, computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging units), laboratory (clinical laboratory, anatomo-pathology, neuromuscular) and nutritional services. The hospital is equipped with modern medical equipment, trained technical and veterinary staff, and Board Certified faculty members in veterinary internal medicine, nutrition, theriogenology, sport medicine and surgery.

Within the DMV (Dottore in Medicina Veterinaria) curriculum, students are introduced to clinical medicine in the first four years, while the fifth year is devoted to clinical teaching and for several months to practical instruction. The students work as part of a team comprised of faculty members, residents training in that field, and experienced staff members. The OVU is the primary focus for this clinical instruction, and also for that involving residents and interns in different specialty areas.

DUTIES AND EXPECTATIONS

The externship/Erasmus+ traineeship may at times involve long hours and commitment, but for motivated students, it will be a great educational experience in our referral Veterinary University Hospital (OVU).

The OVU regards the externship as an opportunity to be with clinicians that have training and experience in specific fields. We do not have a rigidly structured program for visiting students, but allow them as much flexibility as possible to choose whatever aspects of the clinical practice interest them. This enables students to choose whether they will go out in the field or remain primarily at the hospital during their externship/traineeship. However, student preferences will be considered in compliance with clinician and staff availability within the different services in the hospital and arranged prior to the student arrival.

Cancellation or change of arrival and/or departure dates should be notified as soon as possible.

HOSPITAL DUTIES

Students should use the first days after arrival to settle in and complete all paper work with the Erasmus+ Board members and/or the International Mobility Office. We therefore expect students to follow their

assigned program for clinical rotations, be on time and reachable for any changes that may occur during the rotation period. Although the externship does not include time for sightseeing, we do our best to make sure visiting students will have opportunities to sample local culture and life in Turin and province.

Students will be directly involved in receiving, case management, and client relationships. They will participate in all aspects of the surgery service including assisting in surgery, and treatment of hospitalized cases. Although we strive to be as flexible as possible, we also expect students to help wherever needed.

Diagnostic and therapeutic procedures will be performed by students always under staff or faculty supervision. They will also be assigned to out-of-hours duty during weekends and at night based on availability, on a rotating schedule.

Good discussions of clinical findings and treatment strategies for case management are integral components of the extern program and will be conducted individually and in group rounds.

Students will be asked to keep a log of all cases/clinical activities performed during their rotations (see "*Clinical activities Log*" for final report and evaluation).

We strive for high quality animal services and care in a relaxed, team-oriented hospital environment. While we encourage a good sense of humor in the hospital, we are very serious about the professional service that we provide and we expect students to dress appropriately and conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.

Equipment which student is required to bring for the clinical rotation in small and non conventional animals: Watch, stethoscope, thermometer, penlight, white coat, two pairs of surgical scrub suits, clogs, and a name badge.

Equipment which student is required to bring for the clinical rotation in large animals:

Watch, stethoscope, thermometer, penlight, coveralls* and white coats, two pairs of surgical scrub suits, work shoes (with reinforced toe) or boots* and name badge.

*Please note that coveralls and boots will be provided by the OVU and must be returned at the end of clinical rotations.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

At the end of each externship/traineeship period, students will be given a letter verifying their participation in the program, a description of their role in our hospital during their visit, and an overall assessment of their performance. Students who fail to maintain the standards outlined in this guide or who abuse our hospitality, will have their externship terminated and will receive an assessment reflecting our dissatisfaction.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. DRESS CODE

As with all the staff at the hospital, students will be expected to maintain a neat, clean, and professional appearance. Jeans and sneakers are fine provided they are not ripped, frayed, or worn out. Polo shirts without slogans are permissible. For women, tank tops, shirts with low necklines, and tight clothing are not appropriate. Shorts are not acceptable during the workday in the hospital, particularly with large animals.

2. CUSTOMS/LANGUAGE

Alcohol is not permitted within the hospital compound. Smoking is not permitted in the common recreational areas or any other part of the hospital (offices, visit rooms, operating suites, etc). All smoking must be done outside away from common areas, kennels and particularly high fire hazard zones like large animals barns.

It is recommended that students acquire some basic understanding of Italian (level CELI 2 - B1, <http://www.cvclit/categorie/categoria-65?explicit=SI>) but it is essential that students are able to speak, understand and write in the English language (level B2). The University of Turin offers to all Erasmus students free courses of Italian language. See links for more information:

<https://www.unito.it/internazionalita/studenti-e-ospiti-internazionali/imparare-italiano>

<http://www.italianoperstranieri.unito.it>

<http://www.ipa.unito.it/index.html>

3. COURTESY

Visiting students are considered guests at the hospital and are expected to treat all personnel courteously and with respect. It takes a large staff of people in different roles to run a hospital. Students should not only be helpful but also maintain a good attitude and high level of professionalism.

4. TELEPHONES

We encourage each visiting student to have a mobile phone (with an Italian phone contract that can be arranged upon arrival) in order to be easily contacted. If students need to call home after their arrival, it can be arranged with the receptionists or the OVU or any of the Erasmus+ Board members.

5. LIBRARY ACCESS

The "Biblioteca di Scienze Agrarie e Veterinarie" is conveniently located near the OVU in L.go Braccini 2 and is open to all categories of users, Monday - Thursday 8:30-19:00, and Friday 9:00-17:00 (no hours on week-ends). With a government-issued photo ID and the home University ID, foreign students can request a

temporary library card and surf the Internet to carry out literature searches and consult information sources on line, via workstations within the Library. For additional questions student can contact the Library Circulation Desk at +39 0116705500 or check the web site: <https://www.bibl-agrovet.unito.it>

6. MEALS

The Veterinary University Hospital does not provide meals to visiting students, however meals can be purchased at our "Mensa" (Cafeteria), at the vending machines within the OVU, or in nearby supermarkets and "Bar" at low prices.

7. ACCOMODATION

The Department of Veterinary Sciences of the University of Torino is situated in Grugliasco, a Campus located nearby downtown Turin (http://www.clmveterinaria.unito.it/do/home.pl/View?doc=dove_siamo.html).

Students usually live in private residences, often sharing an apartment with other students. The University of Turin does not provide direct accommodation for foreign students, although it is possible to obtain information through the web sites ERAMUS Torino (<http://www.erasmustorino.it>), "Sportello Casa" (<http://torino.sportellocasapiemonte.it/en-us/about-us/sportello-casa.aspx?idC=61718&LN=en-US>), and EDISU <https://www.edisu.piemonte.it/en/services/living>

Other announcements to share a flat with other students can be found on the billboards of the campus in Grugliasco. The townhall of Grugliasco provides an accommodation service **Informagiovani** - Comune di Grugliasco, Piazza 66 Martiri, 2 - 10095 Grugliasco (TO), email: informagiovani@comune.grugliasco.to.it. For more information please refer also to the following link: <http://www.grugliascogiovani.org>.

8. TRANSPORTATION

From the hospital, students can go anywhere in the city of Grugliasco and Turin with public transportation or bicycles (<http://www.erasmustorino.it/info-erasmus/incoming/vivere-torino>). Visiting students are not allowed to drive hospital vehicles under any circumstances.

9. MEDICAL

The Veterinary University Hospital provides medical and liability coverage for all Erasmus students as part of the exchange program. However the OVU does not accept any responsibility for injury or accident, to visiting students enrolled in other Externship programs, so these visiting students should be covered by medical and liability insurance purchased privately and/or provided at low cost by the University of Turin.

Students from EU countries staying in Italy have access to health care provided by the National Health Service (NHS) according to the following provisions: for periods of stay less than three months is guaranteed health

care in case of emergencies (first aid); for more than three months, is also guaranteed by presenting the European Health Card (TEAM) and student identity card.

Students from countries outside the European Union, legally residing in Italy, can choose to buy a private or public state insurance. For more information see:

<http://www.unito.it/internazionalita/ospiti-internazionali/assistenza-sanitaria>.

For liability (RCT) and accidents insurance a private insurance can be purchased through the University of Turin with UNIPOL Assicurazioni at a price of approximately 30.00 euro for six months. Please contact the SDSV (Struttura Didattica Speciale Veterinaria) for more information segreteria.sdsv@unito.it

10. VISITORS

Family or friends of visiting students are not allowed in the hospital without prior approval from the International Program Studies director.

11. VISA

Visiting students from countries not belonging to the European Union, European Economic Area (*) and Switzerland who intend to come to Italy, must present a valid passport at the border, in some cases with Visa issued by the Italian diplomatic or consular representations present in the State of origin or residence of foreigners.

To find out if students need a visa to Italy in relation to citizenship, country of residence, the duration and reason for the stay, the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs may be consulted at the link: "Il visto per l'Italia" (<http://vistoperitalia.estit/home.aspx>). Depending on the student nationality, the duration and reasons for the stay, in order to issue a visa, may be useful a letter of invitation issued by the University of Turin. References to request it for students participating in mobility programs must be addressed to: relint@unito.it.

Please be aware that "with effect from September 1st 2010, students of countries exempt from visa for short stay, can enter Italy for reasons of study, and stay up to 90 (ninety) days, WITHOUT the corresponding VISA for study".

The countries involved are:

Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, South Korea, Costa Rica, Croatia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Japan, Guatemala, Honduras, Israel, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Nicaragua, New Zealand, Panama, Paraguay, Singapore, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela.

(*) European Union countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, United Kingdom,

Czech Republic , Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Hungary.

Countries belonging to the European Economic Area: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway.

