Program Description:

The Cass Clerkship is a 12 week paid summer fellowship that is designed to provide students with a broad exposure to laboratory animal medicine including: clinical medicine, population health, facility operations / management, experimental surgery, protocol development / IACUC review, agricultural animal research / clinical medicine, and research. Students will spend dedicated time in each of the prior mentioned areas and have a variety of hands on and didactic experiences over the course of the summer. This program is targeted to first and second year veterinary students looking to expand their knowledge of laboratory animal medicine as a career choice and works in conjunction with our laboratory animal residency program.

University Laboratory Animal Resources has 9 centralized animal facilities (main campus) in addition to several off-campus facilities housing primarily livestock and aquatic species. The range of species is extremely diverse, including mice, rats, farm animals, dogs, cats, non-human primates and various exotics. The research programs cover areas such as cardiovascular disease, cancer, immunology, virology and neuropsychology. Trainees are provided with a unique exposure to a diverse and vigorous research community.

Faculty Veterinarians and special expertise available:

- Six ACLAM Board Certified Veterinarians
- One ACVPM Boarded, Agricultural Clinical Practice Veterinarian
- One Research Veterinarian
- Three Laboratory Animal Veterinary Residents

Responsibilities:

- Participate in clinical rounds
- Perform PEs, assessments, and develop differential diagnoses
- Work with veterinarians and researchers on clinical cases
- Complete structured rotations in medicine, operations, quality assurance, and experimental surgery
- Participate in weekly resident seminars and journal clubs
- Participate handling/training labs
- Complete a summer research project with a faculty mentor

Student Schedule: 8hrs/day; 5 days per week. Stipend generously provided by ACLAM through a generous gift from Dr. Jules Cass.

Applications: The Cass Clerkship is only available to OSU students. Application packets should consist of a CV, letter of intent, copy of transcripts (undergrad + vet school) and a signed reference letter. Applications should be submitted via email to Lamresidency@osu.edu. Students will be selected based on the application packet in addition to an interview with preference given to students with strong academic qualifications and an expressed intent to pursue a career in laboratory animal medicine and/or research. Applications are due Feb. 7th, 2022.

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