

# Laboratory Animal Medicine/Comparative Pathology Externship Program

The Vanderbilt Health (VH) Laboratory Animal Medicine externship program is designed to be an introduction to Comparative Medicine and/or Comparative Pathology. The experience can be matched to the extern's interests and culminates in a short project and presentation. Externships may last from two to six (2-6) weeks; the number of positions available and the schedule are dependent on mentor availability.

Please note that Vanderbilt does not have any funding available for this externship program and all travel and housing will be the responsibility of the extern. The American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM) Outreach Committee supports veterinary students and practicing veterinarians seeking experience in laboratory animal medicine by providing funds of \$500 to help defray costs associated with participating in laboratory animal medicine focused externships. More information on the ACLAM-Sponsored Veterinary Externships can be found here: [ACLAM Outreach \(https://www.aclam.org/career-outreach/outreach\)](https://www.aclam.org/career-outreach/outreach).

To apply, please provide the following documents:

1. A letter of intent.
  - a. Specify any focused area of interest or goals for the experience (species specific/ clinical, or hypothesis driven project, etc.).
  - b. Include proposed dates for, and duration of, the externship.
2. A copy of your most recent Curriculum Vitae.
3. A letter of reference from faculty/veterinary colleague who is knowledgeable about your professional experience.
4. If applicable, a letter of good standing from your institution's Office of Academic Affairs.

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**NOTE:** Should you be accepted for an externship at Vanderbilt, there will be additional requirements for our Occupational Health and Safety program. These may include TB test results, proof of vaccination for Mumps/Measles/Rubella, Varicella, Hepatitis B, COVID-19, and information regarding animal allergies. If the externship takes place for any portion of the time period between October 1 and March 31, proof of an Annual Influenza Vaccination may also be required. The extern will be financially responsible for any medical care required for injuries/illnesses acquired during the externship.