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Wildlife and Ecosystem Health Residency

The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Columbus Zoo and Aquarium The Wilds

We are currently accepting applications for an ACZM compliant residency in Wildlife and Ecosystem Health. This is a unique cooperative program between **The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and The Wilds**. This program will provide trainees with coursework, zoological medicine training and field experience emphasizing a One Health approach to the study of nondomestic animal health and leading to a Master's degree at the completion of the residency, in addition to ACZM board exam eligibility. This program is uniquely designed to prepare conservation medicine clinicians to advance the field on a national and international scale through clinical service, research and education.

The proposed residency program is designed to provide trainees with experience in epidemiology, zoological medicine, semi-free ranging herd medicine, coursework and ecosystem-based field research. National and international opportunities for research and clinical experience will be available depending on the current partners and affiliations.

This is a three-year, three-phase program. The resident will spend the first year of the program in coursework in support of the resident's chosen area of research at Ohio State, as well as in orientation at the Columbus Zoo, beginning to take on clinical work in cooperation with Zoo clinicians. The second year of the residency will be spent primarily focusing on zoological medicine at the Columbus Zoo. During this year, the resident will propose and begin planning for masters' research. The third year of the residency will be spent primarily in residence in the Wilds, managing clinical medicine for the semi-free ranging collection utilizing a 10,000-acre local field site, and conducting research toward completion of the Master's degree.

To be eligible for the program, a candidate must possess a DVM or equivalent professional degree and be eligible to receive a license to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Ohio. Veterinarians with one or more years of experience working with zoological species will be preferentially considered.

The residency will begin approximately July 1, 2020. Applications for this program should be submitted by October 31, 2019 and include a letter of intent, curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation and veterinary school transcripts. Questions and applications should be submitted electronically to Ms. Casey Hofmann <Hofmann.75@osu.edu>, or can be directed to: Ms. Casey Hofmann, Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, The Ohio State University, 1920 Coffey Road, Columbus, Ohio 43210.