

Opportunity for Small Animal Internal Medicine Residency at VSEC

Program Details

Veterinary Specialists and Emergency Center (VSEC) has 1 residency position available in Small Animal Internal Medicine (SAIM) beginning July 15th, 2026. Our clinical training residency in SAIM is a three-year program satisfying the training requirements needed to attain specialist certification in the Asian College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (SAIM).

You will have primary case responsibility for a varied caseload. The clinical training program is supported by 2 board-certified internists, internal medicine interns, and rotating general interns, and 3 dedicated internal medicine nurses. The service has a caseload of approximately 1100 new internal medicine cases annually with an average of 2-3 in-patients, 80-100 outpatients, and 2-6 endoscopic procedures weekly. The VSEC Internal Medicine Service is dedicated to providing 24-hour receiving and care of patients with support by Emergency and Critical Care (ECC) Service.

Facilities include on-site endoscopy, 1.5T MRI, computed tomography, fluoroscopy, and a state-of-art radiation therapy unit (Varian, Edge with Hyperarc). Board-certified specialists in ACVIM (SAIM), ACVS, ACVR (Radiation Oncology), ACVR (Diagnostic Imaging), AiCVIM (Cardiology), ACVAA, and ACVP (Clinical and Anatomical), will also support the program. As a facility, our health care provider team includes veterinary nurses, two medical physicists with years of experience in human radiation therapy, and 3 clinical laboratory technicians with excellent experience in human hospitals providing excellent support.

Teaching and clinical research is also emphasized, with structured time off clinics allowed for study (4 weeks each for the qualifier, and the certifier) and the completion of research projects. In addition to daily clinical rounds, the program includes weekly journal club for board exam preparation for 30-40 hours per year, and intern/resident seminar series.

What kind of person you need to be??

You need to be a highly motivated self-starter with:

- *The ability to work as part of a team and individually
- *An inclination to learn, and develop your skills
- *A desire to provide the best clinical service to all our patients and clients
- *Non-English speakers are expected to achieve a minimum score of 80 on the internet version of TOEFL (iBT) by the end of the second year.
- *A good sense of humor

VSEC is a contemporary state-of-the art working environment and commitment to personal and career development. With an excellent support team in place, you'll be able to concentrate on what you do best in a friendly and supportive practice.

Specific experience/qualification/status requirements

You must fulfill the following requirements:

- *Completed a recognized rotational internship or equivalent clinical experience
- *Maintain a professional and caring approach in all aspects of your work
- *Valid Veterinary license in Japan

Applicants should submit a personal statement, curriculum vitae, veterinary school transcripts, and at least 2 people's names for your reference letter via on-line application at the AiCVIM website (<https://www.aicvim.org/>).

For more information, please contact Dr. Masahiko Sato (ma-sato@vsec.jp).

Deadline for receipt of application materials is February 28th, 2026.

List of supporting diplomates for the SAIM residency program at VSEC

Name	Specialty	Diplomate	On-/Off-site
Kenjiro Fukushima	SAIM	AiCVIM ACVIM	On-site
Hiroshi Takano	Cardiology	AiCVIM	On-site
Shinichi Kanazono	Neurology	AiCVIM ACVIM	On-site
Tetsuya Kobayashi	Oncology	AiCVIM ACVIM	Off-site
Shoko Fukuda	Radiology Ultrasound	DACVR	On-site
Midori Asakawa	Clinical Pathology	DACVP	On-site