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Faculty of Health and Life Sciences

RESIDENT IN VETERINARY ANAESTHESIA AND ANALGESIA

Area: Faculty of Health and Life Sciences, Institute of Infection,
Veterinary and Ecological Sciences, School of Veterinary Science

Job Ref: 060486

Location: Leahurst Campus

Grade: 6

Salary: £31,503 pa (pay award pending)

Working Hours: Full Time

Tenure: 3 Years (from 1st February 2024 until 31st January 2027)

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About the Role



Role overview and University context:

We invite applications for the post of Resident in Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia in the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences, University of Liverpool, UK. The position involves clinical and teaching responsibilities in the Small Animal Teaching Hospital, Philip Leverhulme Equine Hospital and Farm Animal Practice at Leahurst and the University Veterinary Practice in Liverpool. You must possess a veterinary degree and hold membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) (www.rcvs.org.uk).

The University of Liverpool is one of the UK's leading research institutions with a prodigious spread of expertise - from the humanities and social sciences to engineering, science, veterinary science and medicine. It attracts collaborative and contract research commissions from a wide range of national and international organisations - commissions valued at more than £120 million annually.

The Faculty of Health and Life Sciences is composed of four Institutes, with the School of Veterinary Science placed in the Institute of Infection, Veterinary & Ecological Sciences. Current research strengths within the Faculty are animal behaviour, epidemiology, gastroenterology, parasitology, reproduction, connective tissue biology, immunology, protein function and molecular genetics. This post is based primarily at the Faculty's Leahurst Campus on the Wirral Peninsula, within the Department of Small Animal Clinical Science, but the successful applicant will also undertake work in the Department of Equine Clinical Science.

The award-winning Small Animal Teaching Hospital (SATH) was completed in 2007 and is a busy multidisciplinary referral and teaching hospital. The SATH employs more than 70 veterinary surgeons, seeing over 12,000 appointments per year and has an annual turnover of £7.8m. Facilities include Philips Ingenia MRI, Toshiba Aquilion 80-slice CT, two DR radiography rooms, a DEXA scanner, a radiotherapy suite, three operating rooms, an in-house laboratory, and associated consulting and ward space. The anaesthesia team sedates and anaesthetises over 4000 cases per year as well as running a pain clinic service.

The Philip Leverhulme Equine Hospital (PLEH) has two well equipped, dedicated operating theatres, with a range of anaesthesia monitoring equipment and ventilators (including a Mallard and Tefonius). There are three recovery boxes, with equipment for assisted recoveries and an ICU facility. The anaesthesia team anaesthetises approximately 300-400 horses per year, as well as being involved in providing sedation protocols for standing surgeries, advising on pain management and intensive care patients, and providing anaesthesia for a number of production animals referred from our Farm Animal Practice. There are several diagnostic units including stocks areas, equipment includes state-of-the art digital radiography, ultrasonography, nuclear scintigraphy, MRI, digital video-endoscopy and CT.

The anaesthesia service is led by Prof David Bardell with Katherine Robson (Head of Small Animal Anaesthesia) and Alison Bennell (Head of Equine Anaesthesia). Current clinical and academic anaesthesia staff consists of two professors, five senior lecturers, three lecturers (plus one on maternity leave), three residents and ten interns in small animal studies and surgery who rotate through the anaesthesia service. There are six ECVA Diplomats within the team.

The anaesthesia team is supported by the surgical nurses in both hospitals. In the SATH, nurses rotate through anaesthesia.



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The North West of England offers a wonderful living environment with economic housing, miles of coastline, North Wales and the Lake District within easy reach (1-2 hour drive). The Wirral Peninsula (population circa 300,000) lies between the rivers Mersey and Dee and has industrial landscapes to the east, and rural landscapes to the west. Leahurst Campus is located within greenbelt in southwest Wirral and is approximately 15 miles from Liverpool, a recently regenerated city which provides a wealth of cultural attractions. Manchester is 40 miles away and London 200 miles (2.5 hours by train).

This post gives the successful applicant an exciting opportunity to take part in the provision of an anaesthesia and analgesia service in an excellent training programme in high quality hospital environments and a unique opportunity for an ambitious individual to build a successful career in a first-rate environment.

Responsibilities:

The University of Liverpool is an ECVA A accredited training establishment. The resident will be expected to comply with current ECVA A residency requirements to sit the ECVA A Diploma examinations. The resident will be required to participate in provision of clinical services, including the out-of-hours service, in both the SATH and PLEH, and will therefore be required to be confident and competent at handling a range of large and small animal species.

Assistance with data collection and participation in clinical research projects and undergraduate teaching and assessment is expected.

The appointees will be responsible primarily to the Head of Small Animal Anaesthesia (Katherine Robson) and Head of Equine Anaesthesia (Alison Bennell). You will be required to complete a health screening questionnaire and clearance from Occupational Health must be received before exposure.

Duties:

The majority of clinical work and teaching will be performed in Small Animal Teaching Hospital (<http://www.liv.ac.uk/sath/>). The remainder will be performed in the Philip Leverhulme Equine Hospital (<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/equine/>). The core role is to train towards becoming an ECVA A Diplomate, support all aspects of provision of a high-quality multi-species clinical anaesthesia service and teaching and assessment of BVSc undergraduate students across a range of formats.

You will be required to participate in the out-of-hours service in the SATH and PLEH, servicing both hospital in-patients and out-of-hours referrals, for which additional remuneration is paid (currently approximately £2000 per annum). The rota is shared between senior staff, other residents and interns and the frequency of duty, and the split between equine and small animal, varies with operational need. You will also be expected to undertake other associated duties consistent with the position and grade as required by operational needs.



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Additional requirements:

Manual Handling: The post involves bending, stretching and the manual handling of loads up to 15kg. A system to control the risks is in place. The appointee will be required to complete a health questionnaire. Appointment will be subject to Occupational Health screening.

Food Handling / Preparation: The post involves food handling / preparation. A system to control the risks is in place. You will be required to wear protective hygiene clothing. Appointment will be subject to Occupational Health screening.

Bio Hazards: You will be working in an area where there may be a risk of infection, although appropriate measures will be in place to control the risk. You may be offered appropriate immunisations and/or records of your work with infectious material/infectious micro-organisms may be kept. Appointment will be subject to a risk assessment by the University's Safety Advisor's Office.

Pathogens: You will be required to handle pathogens or potentially infected specimens of unfixed human/animal tissue (including blood), although appropriate measures will be in place to control the risk. You may be offered appropriate immunisations and/or records of your work with infectious material/infectious micro-organisms may be kept. You will be advised in your offer letter to contact the occupational Health Department to check on your vaccination status.

Exposure to Animals: As an applicant for a post which involves work in animal houses and/or handling animals, you should be aware that:

- There is a possibility that you may develop an allergy to the animals you are in contact with. The risk is substantially reduced if correct working practices are used and protective clothing is worn.
- Milder cases may be controlled by the use of protective clothing or medication and some people who are affected are able to continue working with animals.

The appointee will be required to complete a health screening questionnaire and clearance from Occupational Health must be received before exposure.

Gluteraldehyde/Asthmagens: The appointee will be required to complete a health screening questionnaire and clearance from Occupational Health must be received before exposure.

Control of Noise: You will work in an area where noise has been identified as a potential hazard. A system to control the risks is in place. You may be required to wear hearing protection or to undergo checks on your hearing. Appointment will be subject to Occupational Health screening and clearance must be received before exposure.

Control of Vibration: You will work in an area where vibration has been identified as a potential hazard. A system to control the risks is in place. You may be required to limit work with vibration machinery or to undergo health checks. Appointment will be subject to Occupational Health screening and clearance must be received before exposure.



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In addition to the above, all University of Liverpool staff are required to:

- Adhere to all University policies and procedures, completing all obligatory training and induction modules, including Equality & Diversity and Health & Safety.
- Respect confidentiality: all confidential information should be kept in confidence and not released to unauthorised persons.
- Participate in the University's Professional Development Review scheme and take a proactive approach to own professional development.
- Demonstrate customer service excellence in dealing with all stakeholders.
- Embody and uphold the University's Vision and Values.



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Essential Criteria		Desirable Criteria
Experience		
1.1	Due to the requirements of the European College of Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia, applicants should have completed at least one year of an internship in companion animal medicine/surgery in an approved centre, or a suitable period of equivalent experience in a private veterinary practice (at least 2 years).	Experience in appropriately high quality or specialist small animal and / or large animal practice exceeding basic ECVA entry requirements.
1.2	Experience of dealing with medical and surgical small animal and/or equine patients with case responsibility.	Experience of teaching/supervising veterinary undergraduates.
1.3	Experience of referral level anaesthesia, with case responsibility.	Experience of working with large animals (including horses) in a veterinary capacity.
1.4	Confidence at handling common companion animal species and horses.	Confidence at handling a range of production animal species.
Education, Qualifications and Training		
2.1	MRCVS.	Completion of an internship programme with experience of referral level anaesthesia.
2.2	Evidence of formal CPD in anaesthesia and analgesia.	Very good academic record, and academic outputs.
Skills, General and Special Knowledge		
3.1	Knowledge of basic small animal and equine anaesthesia.	Knowledge of advanced small animals and equine anaesthesia.
3.2	Good interpersonal skills and a very good communication skills (verbal and written English).	Knowledge of anaesthesia in other species, for example farm animals and exotics.



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3.3	Good general clinical skills.	Knowledge of advanced analgesia.
3.4	Knowledge of general companion animal medicine and surgery.	
Personal Attributes and Circumstances		
4.1	Able to work within a team and as an individual.	Aptitude for small group teaching.
4.2	Highly motivated individual.	
4.3	Desire to teach.	
4.4	Desire to achieve DpECVAA certification.	



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Our Areas

When you work at the University of Liverpool you are more than just your job role. You are a crucial part of our mission to improve lives on a local, national and international scale. Click on the relevant link(s) below for more information on the area you will be working in.

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Why Work Here

We recognise, appreciate and celebrate the incredible work our staff do every day. As well as generous terms and conditions, we offer a range of enviable benefits and provide support for colleague's wellbeing and development. Discover more [here](#).

Moving from abroad

As a global institute, we welcome applicants from all nationalities, moving from a different country can be challenging and we would like to help as much as we can, we have put together some information on eligibility to work documentation, accommodation, schools, healthcare, life in Liverpool and the UK as well as other practical information. Discover more [here](#).

Our Staff

Whether it be their friendly colleagues, supportive managers or our outstanding facilities, our staff can explain better than anyone what it is like to work for us and why they enjoy their role. See what they have to say [here](#).



How to Apply



The University of Liverpool is committed to being an inclusive employer. We welcome applications from everyone regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, faith or disability.

Contacting us

Shortlisting and interview arrangements are the responsibility of the recruiting department. Preference will be given to applicants who have visited and spent at least 2 days with the anaesthesia department.

Informal enquiries and requests to visit can be addressed to David Bardell, email:

david.bardell@liverpool.ac.uk.

Application process

Our e-recruitment system enables you to register for an online account, where you can view, copy and edit your applications. Set up your account [here](#).

Once you submit your application you will receive an automatic email acknowledgment. You can view your application at any time by clicking into the application history section of your account.

Job description

After the closing date this job description will be removed from our website. Should you wish to refer to this information at a later date please ensure you save a copy of this document.

Right to work

We have a legal responsibility to ensure that you have the right to work in the UK before you can start working for us. If you do not have the right to work in the UK already, any offer of employment we make to you will be conditional upon you gaining it. The UKVI have an interactive tool allowing you to immediately see if vacancies are eligible for a Skilled Worker visa. You will need to know the SOC code for the role, our most used SOC codes can be found [here](#), if none of these apply to this role, there are more codes on the eligibility checker. The skilled worker eligibility checker can be found on [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk).



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Disabilities and alternative formats

If you have any other requirements which will help you access the application or interview process or employment opportunities at the University, or if you require copies documentation in alternative formats, please email: jobs@liverpool.ac.uk or telephone 0151 794 6771.

Outcome of your application

The recruiting department will endeavour to respond to each application. However, if you have not heard within six weeks of the closing date, please take it that your application has not been successful on this occasion.



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