Grovet Equine Health & Utrecht University Equine Neonatology Scholarship

This equine neonatology scholarship, kindly sponsored by Grovet Equine Health, gives ECEIM residents the opportunity to spend four weeks at the Division of Equine Internal Medicine at Utrecht University Equine Hospital focusing on treating (critically) ill neonatal foals.

Utrecht University Equine Hospital

Utrecht University Equine Hospital is a large and busy referral hospital in the Netherlands, providing state of the art care for horses and donkeys. Every year from March to July, a special Equine Neonatal Intensive Care Unit is set up to provide intensive care treatment for critically ill foals. Besides critically ill foals, neonates suffering from a wide variety of conditions are presented to the hospital. The medicine team responsible for treating the foals currently consists of ten ECEIM specialists, one resident and an enthusiastic team of technicians and specially trained foal nurses (veterinary students taking an elective course on neonatal intensive care) that are with the foal 24/7.

Externship

The two four-week externships will take place in April or May, as this period coincides with our highest neonatal caseload, giving the successful candidate the opportunity to expand and develop their clinical and diagnostic skills in equine neonatology. Grovet Equine Health provides two selected candidates with a €1000,- scholarship that can be used for travel, housing and transportation. During the externship the visiting residents will have primary responsibility for all (medicine) foal cases in the hospital, including the critically ill foals treated in the NICU (under direct supervision of one of the ECEIM diplomates). The main responsibilities are during business hours of the hospital, but residents are welcome to also participate in the out-of-hours service when new foal cases are admitted. If time allows, the resident is also allowed to participate in the work-up of other medicine cases. We have a large and diverse caseload covering all aspects of equine internal medicine.

Requirements

All applicants should be in an official ECEIM residency program (preferably in their 2nd or 3rd year). Applicants must be eligible to work in the EU (Schengen zone).

Practical issues

Residents are expected to sign a hospitality agreement prior to the start of the externship. This allows the resident to perform practical procedures and ensures that he/she is insured for liability through Utrecht University. Upon acceptance, the resident will be provided with some suggestions for housing. Depending on the location where the resident is staying, transportation will be needed. A car is most practical, but traveling from the city to the university is also possible by bike or public transport (not running between 1 – 6 AM).

Application

Interested residents are encouraged to send an email including a short CV to Mathijs Theelen (m.j.p.theelen@uu.nl) and Esther Siegers (e.w.siegers@uu.nl) deadline for submission is December 6th 2026.

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