

Opportunity for Neurology and Neurosurgery Residency at VSEC

Program Details

Veterinary Specialists and Emergency Center (VSEC) has one residency position available in Veterinary Clinical Neurology/Neurosurgery beginning July 13th, 2026. Our clinical training residency is a three-year program satisfying the training requirements needed to attain specialist certification in the Asian College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Neurology).

The program includes clinical neurology and neurosurgery, and you will have primary case responsibility for a varied caseload. You will participate in an out of hours on-call consultations for neurological and neurosurgical emergencies. The clinical training program is supported by 1 Neurology specialist, neurology interns, and rotating general interns, and 3 dedicated neurology nurses. The service has a caseload of approximately 700 new cases annually with an average of 4-6 in-patients, 40-50 outpatients, and 2-5 neurosurgical procedures weekly. The VSEC Neurology/Neurosurgery Service is dedicated to providing 24-hour receiving and care of neurological patients with support by Emergency and Critical Care (ECC) Service.

Facilities include on-site 1.5T MRI, computed tomography, C-arm, operating microscope, electrodiagnostic system, electroretinogram, 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 for the qualifier, and 8 weeks for the certifier) and the completion of research projects. In addition to daily clinical rounds, the program includes weekly journal club and topic resident rounds for board exam preparation for 40 weeks 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 first 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 recognised rotational internship or equivalent clinical experience
- *Maintain a professional and caring approach in all aspects of your work
- *Valid Veterinary license in Japan

For those who are not familiar with the AiCVIM residency program, it is noteworthy that the Certification Manual of AiCVIM residency program states that one AiCVIM (Neurology) diplomate is allowed to train up to two residents at one time. Therefore, if one resident matches us this time, we will not be allowed to recruit any more residents until the current resident completes the residency program in 1 year. Please refer to the Certification Manual available through the AiCVIM website for details.

Applicants should submit a statement of career goals, curriculum vitae, veterinary school transcripts, and 3 letters of recommendation electronically to AiCVIM office. For more information please also contact Dr. Shinichi Kanazono (kanazono@vsec.jp). The deadline for receipt of application materials is **February 28th 2026**. Please refer to the AiCVIM website as well as the Certification Manual for detailed information.