

UC San Diego Research Training Programs for Veterinarians

The Center for Veterinary Sciences and Comparative Medicine in San Diego offers research training programs for veterinary graduates as post-doctoral fellows or as candidates in a PhD program. In addition, we have a Laboratory Animal Residency Program. The objective of these programs is to prepare veterinary graduates for careers in biomedical research through collaborative interactions with multiple adjacent institutions including the La Jolla Institute, the Salk and Scripps Research Institute.

Eligibility:

- DVM/VMD degree from an AVMA-accredited school (or completed all ECFVG or PAVE requirements)
- Commitment to pursue a basic research training or residency in laboratory animal medicine
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident

Applicants interested in these programs can submit a cover letter stating their career goals, plus their curriculum vitae, veterinary and any graduate school transcripts, GRE scores and the names, addresses, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of at least 3 professional references to Dr. Peter Ernst, pernst@ucsd.edu. Please state your interest in the residency versus the research training program so your application is routed appropriately. Early application is encouraged as we have a rolling review and admissions policy. For more information, contact Drs. P. Ernst or C. Sigurdson at veterinarysciences@ucsd.edu.

Representative Research Training Mentors and Projects

Lars Bode, PhD
The role for oligosaccharides in human and bovine milk

David Brenner, MD
Fibrosis and fatty liver disease
David Broide, MD
Allergy and asthma, food allergy

John Chang MD
T cell biology in inflammatory bowel disease

Lynette Corbeil, DVM, PhD
Mucosal immunity to infections of the respiratory or urogenital tracts

Sheila E. Crowe, MD
Oxidative stress in gastrointestinal infections

Pieter Dorrestein, PhD
Mass spectrometry based methods to study disease in animals

Lars Eckmann, MD, PhD
Cytokine responses in mucosal immunity
Peter Ernst, DVM, PhD
Immunopathology of gastrointestinal disease

Pascal Gagneux, PhD Glycobiology in evolution from nonhuman primates to humans

Terry Gaasterland, PhD Bioinformatics

Robin Knight, PhD Microbiome in health and disease

Robert Naviaux, MD, PhD Metabolic and mitochondrial disease and metagenomics

Victor Nizet, MD
Mana Parast, MD, PhD
Sharon Reed, MD
Jesus Rivera-Nieves, MD
Host responses to infectious diseases
Stem cell biology in the reproductive tract
Mucosal immunity to Entamoeba histolytica
Pathogenesis of inflammatory bowel diseases

Christina Sigurdson, DVM, PhD
Food-borne illnesses and neurodegenerative diseases/prions

David Smith, PhD Retroviruses, HIV

Nissi Varki, MD
Comparative pathology and phenotyping