

RESIDENCY PROGRAM 2026-2029
Diploma of Specialized Studies in Veterinary Clinical Sciences (D.É.S.)
Programme 259014

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND RECEPTION OF DOCUMENTS: JANUARY 5th, 2026, 8:00 am

POSITION: ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 1

DESCRIPTION:

This residency is a 3-year (36 months), full time, post-graduate program of 108 credits obtained mostly from clinical training. A specialized study diploma (D.E.S.) is awarded upon completion of the program. The clinical training is designed to provide a broad educational experience in all aspects of clinical animal behaviour in all species presented to our hospital (dogs, cats, exotic pets, equine, farm animals, zoo and wild animals). The program has been developed to fulfill the board certification requirements of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists. The resident will see a variety of clinical cases and participate in the didactic teaching currently offered at the veterinary school. The resident is required to complete a clinical research project and participate in the daily supervision of undergraduate students in animal behaviour and contribute to the service development. He (she) will also be asked to supervise the teaching laboratories of junior students. Residents are eligible for 3 weeks of holidays which will be determined by the consultation committee and the section supervisor. Any professional activities performed outside the residency program must be declared to the veterinary teaching hospital administrator. A master's program may be offered after satisfactory completion of the first year. Applicants may contact Dr. Marion Desmarchelier for questions regarding the residency program at marion.desmarchelier@umontreal.ca

REQUIREMENTS:

- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) or equivalent
- One year rotating internship or equivalent experience based on the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists definition: "*Equivalent clinical practice indicates the complexity and mentorship that matches a rotating internship and exposure to the following areas of practice/specialty: Surgery (soft tissue/ortho), Medicine, Primary care, Anesthesia, Neurology, Radiology, Emergency/critical care/Intensive care, Dermatology - Must be practiced in a full-service clinical setting - Must be equivalent to full-time practice for at least 2 calendar years (50 wks/year)*".
- Practicing license from the Ordre des Médecins Vétérinaires du Québec (to be obtained **before** starting the program)
- Excellent knowledge of the French language (writing, reading, speaking) **before** starting the program and good knowledge of the English language

TUITION FEES (Amounts shown are in Canadian currency): <https://admission.umontreal.ca/programmes/des-en-sciences-cliniques-veterinaires-1/#couts-et-aide-financiere>

SALARY:

- \$27,000 /1st year
- \$29,000 /2nd year*
- \$31,000 /3rd year*

To these amounts are added \$1 782 for the 1st year, \$1 914 for the 2nd year and \$2 046 for the 3rd year (3.6 % for the payment of public holidays and 3 % for benefits).

A 2% contribution of gross salary will be deducted for union dues. Salary and conditions will follow the agreements stipulated in the collective agreement. Please note that depending on the specialty, a fee related to the specialty college may also be requested.

* Continuation of the program to a second and third year depends on the mutual satisfaction of the resident and the Faculty.

The resident has a \$3,200 allowance to attend conferences in his/her specialty, training program or book purchases (maximum \$CA 500).

The resident participates in the on-call service during evenings, weekends, and holidays, as needed and according to the schedule established by the service, not exceeding 17.3 weeks of on-call duty over a 12-month period. This contribution to the on-call service is accompanied by a maximum additional remuneration of \$5,190 per year.

PROGRAM DURATION: July 8th, 2026 to July 9th, 2029

APPLICATION:

Any interested applicant must complete by **January 5th, 2026, 8:00 am at the latest** all of the following procedures:

- Please contact Ms. Marie-Ève Bouchard at marie-eve.bouchard.1@umontreal.ca to inform her of your intent to apply;
- Complete a request of admission; <https://admission.umontreal.ca/admission/depot-de-la-demande/demande-dadmission> (\$102 fee) and submit the following documents: a letter of intent, a resume (CV) and transcripts;
- The email addresses of two references will be needed during the application process; the references will have to fill out a form sent to them directly by the Université de Montréal and need to return the completed form by following the instructions. No other forms or reference letters will be needed;
- Students who have completed a clinical rotation at our Veterinary Teaching Hospital (CHUV) must provide their evaluation with their application for admission.

Important: Please indicate the specific position you are interested in on the application form

Candidate selection

The selected candidate will be contacted on **February 2nd, 2026, 8:00 am** by phone and email. The candidate will have 24 hours to accept or decline the position. If a candidate withdraws, the next candidate on the rank list will be contacted until all positions are filled. The rank list will not be disclosed. This process can take several days. Candidates on the waiting list and candidates not selected will be notified by email.

For information on the admission process please contact:

Ms. Marie-Ève Bouchard, Office of Student Affairs, Faculté de médecine vétérinaire marie-eve.bouchard.1@umontreal.ca
Phone: 450 773-8521 or 514 345-8521 extension 8224