

RESIDENCY 2026-2029
Specialized Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Clinical Sciences (#2-590-1-4)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION (APPLICATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS)
JANUARY 12, 2026

OPTION : Ophtalmology
NUMBER OF POSITION : 1

The Department of Clinical Sciences at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Université de Montréal, offers a position in a specialized veterinary medicine program (D.E.S.), Ophthalmology option.

DESCRIPTION :

The residency is a full-time graduate program spanning four years (48 months), comprising 108 credits primarily in the form of clinical rotations, and leading to a Specialized Graduate Diploma (D.E.S.) in Ophthalmology. The program meets the requirements of the European College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ECVO) residency program, with the goal of enabling candidates to qualify for the ECVO examination. In addition, a Specialized Graduate Diploma (D.E.S.) is awarded upon completion of the program.

The resident's responsibilities during the program will include:

- Participate in examinations of referred patients and hospitalized animals;
- Take part in the primary on-call service, which occurs approximately once every two to three weeks, in addition to one-third of statutory holidays, and be responsible for monitoring hospitalized patients during evenings and weekends;
- Complete a clinical research project;
- Complete 12 weeks of rotation at an external veterinary referral center;
- Contribute to the daily supervision of veterinary students rotating through the ophthalmology service;
- Participate in practical labs offered to undergraduate students.

The resident will be entitled to three (3) weeks of annual vacation, subject to program director approval for scheduling purposes. When not on call, the resident will benefit from the same statutory holidays as the faculty members. Any professional activity outside the program must be declared to the Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and Professional Training to avoid any conflict of interest. After one year, and with the agreement of both the resident and their advisory committee, the resident may enroll in a master's program. For more information about the program, please contact the program coordinator, Dr. Maria Vanore: maria.vanore@umontreal.ca.

REQUIREMENTS :

- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) or equivalent;
- Completion of an internship or equivalent experience;
- Obtain a license to practice from the Ordre des médecins vétérinaires du Québec (OMVQ) prior to starting the program. The OMVQ will contact the selected candidate regarding the procedure;
- Demonstrate sufficient knowledge of the French language; a proficiency test may be required.

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

ANNUAL BASE SALARY*:

- \$36,965 /1st year
- \$40,454 /2nd year
- ≥ \$42,650 /3rd year and 4th year**

* Continuation of the program to a 2nd, 3rd and 4th year depends on the mutual satisfaction of the resident and the Faculty.

** The 3rd and 4th year residency salary is subject to change based on the indexation rate that will be determined in 2028.

Salary and conditions follow the agreements stipulated in the collective agreement (click [here](#)). Overall, all paid leaves, including vacation leave (6%) and statutory holidays (3.6%), are included in the annual base salary. To compensate for the absence of certain employment benefits, the University also pays an allowance equal to three percent (3%) of the annual base lump-sum compensation. The University deducts from the resident's salary an amount equal to the contribution set by the Union. Depending on the specialty, fees related to the Specialty College may be required.

As described in the collective agreement, 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 (or 121 days) of on-call duty over an academic year. This contribution to the on-call service is included in the annual base salary. In exceptional situations, the resident may be authorized to take on additional on-call duties with extra compensation as provided for in the collective agreement. The resident has a \$3,200 allowance to attend conferences in his/her specialty, training program or book purchases (maximum \$CA 500).

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

APPLICATION :

- Complete an admission application (fee: \$101.75) : <https://admission.umontreal.ca/admission/depot-de-la-demande/demande-dadmission/>;
- Upload the documents listed below **NO LATER THAN January 12, 2026**, in support of your application :
A letter of intent, a curriculum vitae, transcripts, and two (2) letters of recommendation. To do so, you will need to enter your referees' contact information directly in your Student Center. The recommendations must be sent directly to Université de Montréal following the procedure provided by email. No additional forms or letters of recommendation are required.
[Information – Submitting an Admission Application / Sending Documents](#)

CANDIDATE SELECTION : **NO LATER THAN February 2, 2026, by email.** The selected candidate will have 24 hours to accept the offer or decline. In the event of a withdrawal, the next person on the list will be contacted until the position is filled. This process may take several days. Candidates on the waiting list and those not selected will be notified by email.

FOR INFORMATION ON THE ADMISSION PROCESS PLEASE CONTACT : MS. Marie-Eve Bouchard, Associate Dean's Office for Clinical Affairs and Professional Training : vdacfp@umontreal.ca.