

Shelter Medicine Externship Opportunity

Organization name: University of Houston

Location: Houston, TX

Description of organization: Veterinary School

Equipment/Facilities:

University of Houston Veterinary School, Houston, TX

Contact person's name: Melissa Upton

Contact person's email:

Contact person's phone number:

Length of externship: 7

Student housing availability (yes/no; if yes, explain): Yes

Student compensation (yes/no; if yes, explain): Yes, hourly veterinary student pay

Student veterinary education level requirement (e.g. 1st year students, 2nd year students, etc.): 7

Prerequisites: 0

Student responsibilities/learning opportunities:

- Classroom and clinical hands-on surgical training with an emphasis on high-volume efficiencies.
- Opportunity for additional clinical skill development (when presented) including pregnant spays, crypt orchid neuters (both canine and feline), pyometra spays, scrotal ablations, umbilical hernia repairs, dewclaw removals, dentistry, and other basic preventative surgeries.
- Examination of post-surgery patients that arrive for surgical rechecks and create recommendations for treatment.
- Primary care responsibility for multiple patients overseen by a DVM mentor dedicated to clinical instruction, with a focus on preventative medicine and spay/neuter.

Please provide a typical daily schedule, if possible: An extern's day will start with a morning meeting providing an overview of the day's plan, a lecture, a discussion led by TCAP's education team, and a rotation on the surgery/clinic floor as part of our high-volume sterilization/wellness program. Lunch and learn events will be held on some days.

First step for student to take to arrange externship: Interested students should visit TCAP's website to learn more about the externship, have a current resume/CV, and secure 1-2 letters of recommendations from their professors.

Links: <https://texasforthem.org/veterinary-externship/>

Any additional notes or information:

2023 externship dates are currently scheduled for

- Sept. 25-29
- Oct. 23-27
- Nov. 27- Dec. 1.