



Scone Equine
Hospital

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2020 Equine Internship | 18 Months

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title:	Equine Internship
Duration:	18 Months
Start/End:	February 2020/August 2022 July 2020/February 2022
Supervisors:	Dr. Angus Adkins, Dr. Jessica Partlow and Dr. Maria Bellei

SCONE EQUINE GROUP

Scone Equine Group (SEG) is Australia's largest provider of equine veterinary services with expertise in all areas of horse care across its specialist subsidiary practices. Located in the heart of Australia's Thoroughbred breeding country and across four key horse regions in NSW and Victoria, SEG delivers excellence in equine veterinary health through Scone Equine Hospital, Tamworth Equine Veterinary Centre, Avenel Equine Hospital and the Equine Podiatry and Lameness Centre Muswellbrook. SEG equine veterinarians are recognised around the world for their knowledge and specialist skills across the full spectrum of equine practice.

Scone Equine Hospital is now offering two 18-month Equine Internships commencing in February 2020 and July 2020. The surgical facility boasts three recovery rooms, one surgical suite for clean surgeries and two surgical suites for contaminated surgeries. All surgical procedures are performed including arthroscopy, laparoscopy, major fracture repair, abdominal surgery, ocular surgery and reproductive surgery. Surgical case load is supported by the intensive care unit with 34 stables, staffed 24/7 with experienced nurses, interns and four internal medicine specialists and a 24-hour laboratory service. Diagnostic imaging is well equipped with "state of art" equipment to provide the most accurate and up to date diagnostic imaging available, with ultrasonography, endoscopy and digital radiography with a dedicated field radiography team.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- A Bachelor of Veterinary Science or equivalent
- It is necessary for the applicant to meet the necessary requirements to be fully registered as a veterinarian in New South Wales, Australia. For further information, please contact the Veterinary Practitioners Board of New South Wales www.vpb.nsw.gov.au. This is imperative to ensure that you are covered by the practice's professional indemnity cover.
- **Applicants who are only eligible for limited registration will not be considered for the position.**

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ROLE DESCRIPTION

This general equine internship is designed to provide mentorship balanced with responsibility, and offer opportunities for special focus. By the end of the internship, doctors will have deepened their diagnostic, surgical, anaesthetic and technical skills, as well as their understanding of equine medicine. We hope our interns will leave having experience in a busy general practice as well as specialty training by our board-certified specialists. There is an after hours requirement of a 1 in 3 (average) depending on seasonality caseload.

STUD SEASON (August - January)

Surgical Assistant (Day)

This rotation will involve the day to day management of the hospitalised surgical cases. You will attend our ICU in the morning, assess the progress of the case overnight to be ready to present to the surgeons at rounds at approximately 8am. After rounds, routine treatments including bandage changes, joint injections and regional perfusions are performed, initially under supervision but as your skills improve, unassisted. You will then move to the surgical department where you will assist with diagnostics and scrub in to procedures. For advanced procedures you will assist one of the senior surgeons. You will perform basic procedures initially under supervision. As your experience and skill level improve, you will then perform them unassisted. At the end of the day you will return to the hospital ICU and evaluate the progress of the hospitalised cases.

Surgical Assistant (After Hours)

You will be on call to assist senior surgeons with both diagnostics and procedures as needed. Duty extends from 6pm - 7 am. This rotation will be quiet in the early part of the season and become busier from September through to November. Once foaling finishes the number of after hours procedures reduces significantly. The common procedures we perform are approximately 20 caesareans annually, a similar number of assisted delivery of dystocias and 100 colic surgeries.

Anaesthesia (Day)

This role involves commencing at approximately 7:30am at the surgical facility and acting as assistant anaesthetist under the direction of Dr. Bellei, a highly experienced specialist in Anaesthesiology and Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists. As your skills improve, then acting as a primary anaesthetist. Our surgical numbers increase from approximately 100 per month in August to 250 per month in November and back to 100 per month in April. There will always be two anaesthetists during the day from August to March. The anaesthesia department is well resourced with ventilators, monitoring equipment, 3 knock down stalls, blood gas machines and rope recovery systems.

Anaesthesia (After Hours)

This role will commence at 4pm, relieving the anaesthesia day position and will include finishing the routine cases for the day and then being on call for emergencies until 7am. You will only be required to undertake this role once you are adequately trained. The role will largely involve emergency GIT cases and dystocias. The after hours rotation is well supported with a qualified surgeon, a medicine specialist, a surgical assistant, veterinary nurses and experienced ambulatory veterinarians as needed. During week days, there will be no requirement to work during the day for this role.



SALES SEASON (January - July)

The interns including the medicine intern, will rotate through anaesthesia, surgery, medicine, ambulatory and diagnostic imaging. Interns are encouraged to make use of a “floater” week to best develop skills in an area of personal interest and allows interns to develop relationships with other senior clinicians and support staff that can only be offered in a large equine practice. This role has a strong focus on diagnostic imaging where, under supervision interns perform Thoroughbred yearling sales and weanling survey radiography sets. There are also opportunities to shadow and support senior ambulatory clinicians.

REMUNERATION

- Base Salary \$56,000pa (AUD) including four weeks annual leave, one week study leave and uninterrupted scheduled time off.
- Contract of Full Time employment for 18 months with entitlements.
- Car for work and private use which is fully maintained.
- Fully furnished accommodation assistance provided.
- Phone allowance of \$50 per month.
- Membership of the EVA and AVA.
- Registration and allowance for accommodation at the Bain Fallon Memorial Lectures, providing the submission of an abstract or poster for presentation.
- Uniforms.
- Monthly reviews with supervisors and support from senior clinicians within the practice.
- Benefits of working within a large organisation with administrative support including HR and IT.
- You will see a huge and varied caseload and get an enormous amount of support from highly experienced and recognised specialists in anaesthesiology, medicine, surgery and theriogenology. We have an excellent track record, with a worldwide reputation for being able to assist interns into careers of their choice.
- Opportunity to travel to Thoroughbred sales.
- Administrative and financial support for visa applications – foreign applicants are encouraged to apply.

APPLICATIONS

18 month February 2020: Applications close 7th February with commencement by February/March.

18 month July 2020: Applications close 28th February with commencement by July. Applicants need to send a Curriculum Vitae and cover letter to **Helen Boyes - helen.boyes@sconeequine.com.au**

To watch a short video about the internship, click here or copy link into your URL:

<https://vimeo.com/287354444/ad221a07bd>

