

Postdoctoral Training Programs in Laboratory Animal/Comparative Medicine Veterinary Internship and Residency Matching Program (VIRMP)

2013-2014 Application Cycle

Many programs offering postgraduate training in laboratory animal/comparative medicine participate in the Veterinary Internship and Residency Matching Program (VIRMP) overseen by the American Association of Veterinary Clinicians (AAVC). The automated process ensures that programs and trainees are matched with their mutually preferred choices. The VIRMP web site (www.virmp.org) has detailed information concerning the application and match process. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review all the information on the VIRMP web site. Videos should also be viewed. There are modest fees for submitting an application. Fees are based on the number of programs to which an applicant applies and are detailed on the VIRMP site.

On October 15, 2013 training programs with open positions will be listed on the VIRMP site and applicants can initiate their online applications. Drs. Lesley Colby (lacolby@uw.edu; 206-685-1020) and Neil Lipman (lipmann@MSKCC.org; 646-888-2400) can be reached for questions not addressed on the VIRMP website.

Step 1 Complete an online application

1. Beginning October 15, 2013 but **no later** than November 3, 2013 applicants should complete their online application.
2. Review details on available training programs in which you have interest. It is important to determine whether any of these programs have additional application requirements which must be addressed outside of the VIRMP application process. If additional materials are required, requirements for providing them will be described in the program's VIRMP description.
3. **IMPORTANT:** Applicants to laboratory animal/comparative medicine training programs must complete their applications on or before November 3, 2013 to ensure that the program has ample time to schedule and complete telephone/Skype/onsite interviews with prospective candidates. **As this deadline is distinct from other residency specialties participating in the VIRMP you should contact your references and registrar to ensure they submit their letters of support and your transcripts ahead of the November 3, 2013 deadline.**

Step 2 Determine and select those programs you wish to pursue

1. Prior to November 3, 2013 11:59 EST you must identify the programs in which you have interest and select these programs through the VIRMP site. Only those programs which

you select will receive your application and consider you for further consideration. Many programs will conduct telephone, Skype, or onsite interviews.

2. Additional program details can be accessed on the ASLAP and ACLAM shared web page (www.aslap.org/search/residencies). Participating training programs may include those recognized by the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM) (www.aclam.org/education-and-training/training-programs) as well as those not recognized by ACLAM.
3. Review program specific web pages (links provided on the ASLAP/ACLAM page)
4. Contact the training program directly to discuss career goals (highly recommended)

Step 3 Complete your rank order list

1. Prior to January 11, 2014 11:59 EST you **must** rank in order of preference all programs in which you have interest or withdraw from the VIRMP. Additionally you must have electronically signed an agreement stipulating you will adhere to the principles of the VIRMP. **It is essential to understand that if you rank a program and you match with that program you are obligated to accept the position. You should not rank a program if you are not willing to accept a position.**

Step 4 Review your match results

1. On February 4, 2013 8:00 AM EST your match results will be available on the VIRMP site. If you did not match you can view open positions at programs which did not fill their positions. Participating programs will also receive a list and contact information for unmatched applicants.
2. After the match results are posted, each program will contact its matches to review program specific enrollment details.