



Southwest National Primate Research Center

Instructions for Preparation of Applications for **FOREIGN VETERINARIAN TRAINING PROGRAM**

The Southwest National Primate Research Center (SNPRC) provides laboratory animal medicine training opportunities for up to two foreign veterinarians each year. This program is a minimum of twelve weeks (3 months) in duration but can be as long as two years. The program includes training in the areas of clinical nonhuman primate medicine and surgery, pathology, behavioral management, laboratory animal administration and animal research. Veterinarians from foreign research institutions are all welcome to apply. Preference will be given to veterinarians from research facilities that are currently engaged in collaborative research with the Southwest National Primate Research Center.

Application Process

Complete the application form as follows:

1. Personal information - Fill in your name, mailing address, a phone number where you can be reached, your e-mail address, and the institution where you are currently employed. Explain if your facility has a collaborative effort with the Southwest National Primate Research Center.
2. References - Enter the names of two people who are familiar with your veterinary medical employment performance who will send a letter of reference to the address given below. The letters should address your potential to benefit from this program and the potential for your institution to benefit from the program.
4. Attachments - Include with your application form a transcript from your college of veterinary medicine that shows confirmation of your veterinary degree along with a one-page description of your interests and what you hope to gain from this training program.
5. Submission - (a) Mail, fax, or e-mail the form and attachments, and (b) ask your references to mail, e-mail or fax their letters of reference to the Southwest National Primate Research Center. The address is listed below.

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Southwest National Primate Research Center
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San Antonio, TX 78245-0549
210-258-9626 (voice)
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Southwest National Primate Research Center must receive all application materials no later than six months before the anticipated date for the training. If selected for the

training program, the veterinarian must obtain a J-1 Visa.

Review and Acceptance

Applications will be reviewed by an acceptance committee. Decisions regarding acceptance will be made and candidates will be notified by e-mail within 1 month of the submission of the completed application.

Selection criteria include

- Proof of veterinary medical degree
- The written letter of intent
- Two letters of reference
- Preference will be given to applicants that work at institutions with collaborative efforts at the Southwest National Primate Research Center

The number of applicants accepted will be set by the availability of mentors and funds, but are unlikely to exceed 2 per year.

Procedures Following Acceptance

Upon acceptance, each veterinarian will be sent a J-1 Visa questionnaire for completion. Once completed and returned to the Southwest National Primate Research Center, a J-1 Visa application will be generated by the Southwest National Primate Research Center and sent to the veterinarian. The veterinarian must pay the Visa application on-line at <https://www.fmjfee.com> and retain a copy of the receipt to show at his/her consulate in order to schedule his/her consulate interview. The Southwest National Primate Research Center will reimburse for this expense. A copy of the approved J-1 visa, proof of medical insurance and a copy of the photo page of the veterinarian's passport must be sent to Ms. Theresa Knox (tknox@sfbgenetics.org). The passport must be valid for at least six (6) months beyond the period of training at the Southwest National Primate Research Center. Once these documents are received, a packet containing information about the Southwest National Primate Research Center and the San Antonio area will be provided. The Southwest National Primate Research Center will provide information and funds for transportation and housing expenses. It is recommended that each veterinarian obtain an international driver's license prior to attending the training program.

Training program

Foreign veterinarians are expected to commit to a minimum twelve-week (3 months) training program. Preference is given to veterinarians that can train for longer periods of time (1-2 years). The veterinarian must complete a research project conducted entirely at the Southwest National Primate Research Center and make an oral presentation of his or her research results at the end of their training program.