

## Gap Year Internship in Wildlife Disease Pathology and Diagnostics (Gainesville, FL)

University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine  
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### Details

Posting:

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Application Deadline:

03/31/2026

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Starting Date:

after 5/1/2026

Ending Date:

before 6/30/2027

Hours per Week:

at least 40

Salary:

starting at \$15 per hour

Education Required:

Bachelors

Experience Required:

none

Location:

gainesville, Florida

### Description

#### **Description:**

The UF IFAS Cervidae Health Research Initiative is seeking applicants for a 12-month internship from May 2026 to June 2027. Interns will be trained to conduct field necropsies on farmed cervids, handle diagnostic specimens, and learn basic diagnostic skills and procedures. The selected candidates will also be responsible for data entry and reporting, as well as acting as a liaison between diagnostic laboratories, property owners, and research staff. The intern will train with a wildlife veterinarian, wildlife ecologist, and graduate research assistants. Once the requisite skills have been acquired, the intern will travel to farms throughout

Florida to conduct necropsies and collect specimens independently. This internship is ideal for prospective veterinary students or graduate students in wildlife or animal sciences who are taking a year off between their baccalaureate degree and graduate or professional school.

Expectations for this position include:

- Data entry, management, and analysis
- Vehicle and equipment maintenance
- Adhere to provided protocols, even under challenging field conditions
- Ability to lift 50 lbs. and work outdoors in Florida summer conditions
- Willingness to spend long hours on the road and in rural areas, an upwards of 5 days a week during peak season
- Willingness to relocate to field facilities outside of Gainesville, with stays of up to a week.
- Experience with sterile and aseptic lab techniques
- Confidence in maintaining confidentiality amongst clientele
- Ability to coordinate and communicate with private facility owners, as well as laboratory staff
- Attention to detail, with emphasis on outstanding organizational skills
- Strong work ethic and eagerness to perform tasks
- Flexible schedule and willingness to be on call weekends and after normal business hours

**Requirements:** Interns should have strong communication skills, both in person and over the phone, and maintain a professional attitude in challenging field conditions. A current valid driver's license and the ability to confidently operate large four-wheel drive vehicles are required. Must have a degree in an associated field and be at least 18 years old.

To apply, please send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and contact information for 3 references to Dr. Juan Campos Krauer at [camposlabuf@gmail.com](mailto:camposlabuf@gmail.com). Please title the email "CHeRI Intern Application". Housing not provided.

Contact

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