

Faculty Position in Small Animal Surgery Tufts University

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Job Title	Faculty Position in Small Animal Surgery
Department	Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine: Clinical Sciences
Institution	Tufts University North Grafton, Massachusetts
Date Posted	Oct. 17, 2025
Application Deadline	Open until filled
Position Start Date	Available immediately
Job Categories	Assistant Professor Prof of Practice/Clinical Prof
Academic Field(s)	Surgery/Surgical Sciences Small/Lab Animal Medicine
Job Website	https://apply.interfolio.com/175980

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Job Description

The [Department of Clinical Sciences](#) at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University invites applications for an assistant clinical professor of small animal surgery. The successful candidate will contribute to pre-clinical and clinical teaching in the DVM program, provide surgery services in the Foster Hospital for Small Animals (FHSA), mentor residents, and engage in scholarly activity. This is a continuous-term (tenure-equivalent) track position.

The position emphasizes excellence in DVM student instruction and resident mentoring. Assisting with pre-clinical didactic, clinical skills, and surgical skills teaching is required. Faculty are expected to assist with specialty board review sessions, journal club, and other aspects of resident training, including supervision of resident research projects.

The FHSA receives ~35,000 cases per year, providing a robust and varied surgical caseload. The emergency and critical service provides 24 hour/7 day a week service and is certified as a Level 1 Trauma Center. The

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successful applicant will be part of a team of 5 other ACVS diplomates, in addition to neurologists and ophthalmologists who also provide surgical services. Additional minimally invasive procedures are offered by other services. Primary emergency coverage is provided by four surgery residents, with backup support from the faculty surgeons. The FHSA has a full range of specialties that include diagnostic imaging, anesthesiology, emergency and critical care, internal medicine, neurology, cardiology, dermatology, oncology, and ophthalmology.

The FHSA has intraoperative ultrasound and fluoroscopy, as well as CT, MRI and 2 towers for arthroscopic, laparoscopic and thoracoscopic surgery. Current faculty have strengths in orthopedics, arthroscopy, traumatology, minimally invasive osteosynthesis (MIO), corrective osteotomy and joint replacement, cardiothoracic surgery, and urological procedures.

There are many opportunities to develop independent or collaborative research projects with faculty on this campus or with researchers on other Tufts campuses and within the New England medical community. Cummings School has research strengths in clinical and translational research, supported by a clinical trials office. Areas of strength include musculoskeletal disease, cardiovascular disease, comparative oncology, urology, and others. All scholarly activity is valued in the school's promotions process and the expectations are dependent on the appointment track and assigned time. The amount of time devoted to research and scholarly activity is negotiable, in accordance with the interests of the faculty member. All faculty members are expected to engage in scholarly activity to ensure they remain current in their discipline.

The successful candidate will be committed to working collaboratively in a team environment. Senior surgical faculty members are available to provide excellent mentorship in both soft tissue and orthopedic surgery. While the willingness and ability to provide both soft tissue and orthopedic surgery services is required initially, there is potential to enrich the caseload in specific areas.

Approximately thirty weeks will be assigned to clinical activity. The remaining time will be distributed to teaching (4 - 8 weeks), research and scholarly activity (4 - 8 weeks), and administrative service (2 - 4 weeks), in accordance with the interests of the candidates and the guidelines of Cummings School. The position provides 4 weeks of vacation and one week of additional time off.

Qualifications

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Requirements include a DVM degree or its equivalent and completion of an American College of Veterinary Surgery and/or European College of Veterinary Surgery approved residency. Board certification is required at, or no later than two years following, the date of hire. The candidate must be eligible for licensure in Massachusetts. Enthusiasm for, and demonstrated ability in, teaching is required. Demonstrated clinical excellence and the ability to multi-task and manage a robust caseload is expected. The ability to support both soft tissue and orthopedic surgery is required, with the opportunity for increased focus over time. Evidence of scholarly activity is considered an asset. The candidate must possess effective communication skills and have demonstrated the ability to work in a team.

Application Instructions

Applications received by November 17th will receive full consideration, however applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Candidates should submit a curriculum vitae and a cover letter describing their qualifications, clinical experience, scholarly interests, and teaching experience. Please address your strengths/experiences in creating an inclusive environment as it relates to teaching, research, and/or service in your cover letter. The names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three references should be provided. Salary will be commensurate with experience. [Applicants should submit materials through the Interfolio link \(https://apply.interfolio.com/175980\)](https://apply.interfolio.com/175980). For questions about the application process please contact Dr. Leslie Sharkey at Leslie.Sharkey@tufts.edu.

Cummings School is situated in Grafton, MA on a 600-acre pastoral campus, forty-five minutes west of Boston and next door to Worcester, the second largest city in Massachusetts. A virtual tour of the campus is [available here](#). There is a regional rail service stop adjacent to campus and easy access to cultural and sporting events. The campus is a short drive from beautiful beaches, mountains, and other unique features of New England. The area is a hub of biotechnology and higher education. The K-12 education system is excellent. Housing is readily available close to campus or in any number of surrounding towns. Links to faculty policies and procedures and human resources benefits can be found [here](#).

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