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FINAL YEAR TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS

At the end of this year we will have two to three positions available for graduate veterinarians in our practice.

The Veterinary Centre based in southern South Canterbury (Waimate) and North Otago (Oamaru) would therefore like to invite you to come and see practice with us.

The Veterinary Centre employs around 25 full time and 8 part time vets. The full time vets work out of our three main centres of Oamaru (21 vets), Waimate (10 vets) and Ranfurly (1-2 vets).

The practice workload of both clinics is very similar: 70% large animal and 30% small animal. The large animal workload is 70% dairy, 20% sheep and beef and 10% equine and deer.

Our vets are involved in all aspects of the practice therefore making it an ideal grounding for graduates, with mixed animal practice aspirations. However, applications from graduates with a stronger production animal focus would also be welcomed.

Our practice extends from the intensively farmed coast, up the Waitaki Valley, to the extensive high country of the Southern Alps. It offers true diversity in landscape and farm systems.

Our dairy farmers are an exciting group to work with as they are young compared to the national average, making them more open to new ideas and technology. Their vets are an integral part of their operation.

We look to employ a number of new graduates every year providing plenty of fun and energy in the practice. This is balanced with nationally respected talents in mastitis, reproduction, sheep and nutrition in our senior crew. These guys love to help the younger team grow in skills and confidence.

We have a first class small animal hospital, which is complete with digital x-ray, abdominal ultrasound and in-house blood analysis. Challenging workups and orthopaedic surgeries are performed on a regular basis. We currently have four experienced practitioners completing Masters papers this year in companion animal disciplines (MVM) and two small animal practitioners have just completed their MVM.

Waimate and Oamaru are less than half an hour drive apart. Monthly staff breakfast meetings are held at a central meeting point. This keeps all our vets up to date and ensures continuity of service over the whole practice.

Our practice qualifies for the rural bonding scheme, and all of our employees who have applied thus far have been granted.

As well as all this we;

- Use Infovet to aid in herd heath management
- Offer loads of support from experienced senior vets
- Are branching into consultancy
- Enjoy a busy and diverse caseload (all vets are true mixed animal practitioners)
- Run our structured "Top Clinician Programme" for new grads during Year 1, for 8 days
- Encourage development of special interests
- Have a strong network of younger vets and rural professionals
- Live in an amazing part of the country with a wealth of outdoor pursuits available
- Have tons of sports teams and clubs
- Have a welcoming community
- Have a large number of vets in the afterhours roster

For those final year students who have a genuine interest in one of these positions, we are offering three "Final Year Travel Scholarships" to the value of \$500 each. Applications must be made by Friday 14th July 2023, to one of the partners listed below. Please submit a covering letter with your CV.

February to May and August and September are great times to come and get your hands dirty!

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