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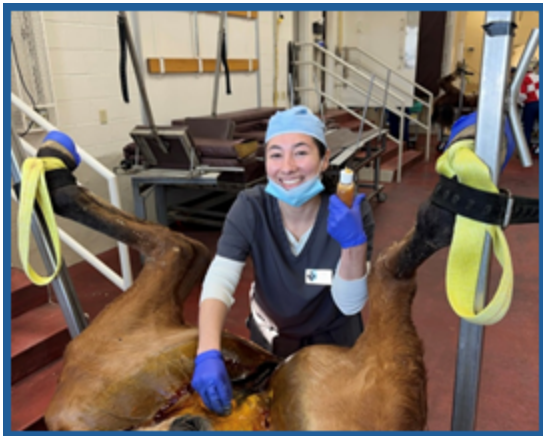
My name is Kyla Walsh, and I am one of the HR/Student Opportunities Assistants at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute. I am reaching out to share the undergraduate internship opportunities at our clinic. We are the oldest large-scale equine hospital, located in the heart of Central Kentucky. We have over 60 full-time veterinarians including our boarded Internal Medicine Specialist, Surgeons, Theriogenologists, and Ophthalmologist. We are looking for students with interests in veterinary medicine or technology, equine science or business, animal or biological sciences, and more to join us for the Spring 2027 season!

Undergraduate Opportunities

Our undergraduate programs are 6-months, January through June, to span the entirety of the breeding and foaling season here in Lexington, Kentucky. Internships are designed to support hands-on, didactic learning in an immersive environment to strengthen technical skills and prepare students for their futures. These programs are great for any aspect of the equine or veterinary industry, whether that is vet school, farm management, or beginning a career as a technician. Our undergraduate internships have three pathways: Internal Medicine, Surgery, and Field Care, all of which are classified as full-time paid seasonal positions at our practice.

Internal Medicine

Interns in Internal Medicine will work closely with our boarded internal medicine specialists and experience the world-class McGee Medicine Center, which sees over 350 neonates each



season. This program is a wonderful way to gain emergency and critical care exposure, and to strengthen technical skills in a fast-paced, didactic environment.

Surgery

Surgery interns gain experience in pre- and post-operative care, surgical floor operations,

and foundational knowledge in equine surgery. Our Davidson Surgery Center hosts 40-60 surgeries per day during the breeding season. They are exposed to a varied caseload including lameness, orthopedics, soft tissue injuries, and emergencies.



Field Care

Our field care interns, often called riders, are paired with a singular field care veterinarian, hand-picked to match the intern's interests, goals, and personality. They will experience a wide variety of farms within Central Kentucky and work closely with managers, farm hands, and owners. This pathway is great for students who enjoy individual mentorship and networking opportunities.

To Apply

Students can utilize our JotForm application: <https://www.jotform.com/250764042247050> or can email studentopportunities@hagyard.com with a CV/Resume and Letter of Intent.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or if you or your students would like more information!

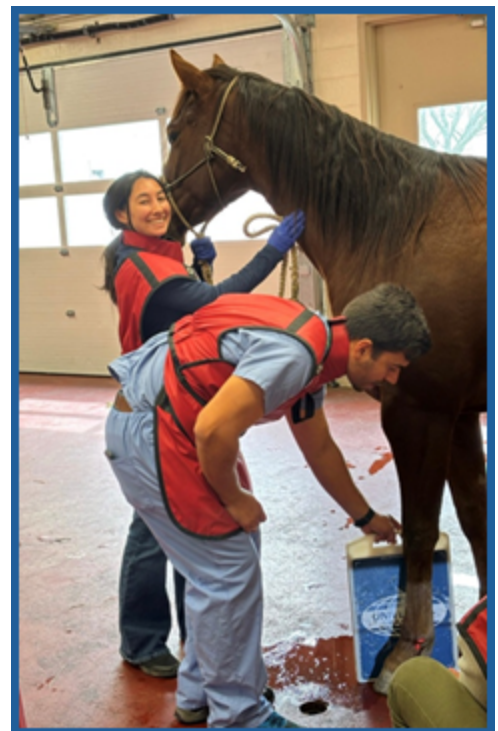
A Brief History of Hagyard



In **1875**, Dr. E. T. Hagyard traveled to Kentucky to treat a Shorthorn Bull named the "Eighth Duke of Geneva." A year later, he returned to Central Kentucky to practice large animal veterinary medicine, opening Hagyard and Sons Veterinary Hospital on East Short Street in **1891**, which operated as an ambulatory practice via horse and buggy.

In **1951**, Dr. Charlie Hagyard partnered with Dr. Arthur Davidson & Dr. William McGee and adopted the name Hagyard, Davidson, McGee Associates.

In **2004**, the name Hagyard Equine Medical Institute was adopted to highlight our dedication to educational principles and our many student opportunities.



In **2026**, during a celebration of our 150 years in practice, the Mayor of Lexington declared **February 5th** as Hagyard Equine Medical Institute Day, a representation of the impact that the

practice has had on the equine industry in the surrounding area.

Our commitment to teaching the next generation is a large part of who we are. Whether you are a student looking to gain experience or a working professional looking to join our team, there are various opportunities available for you at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, ranging from undergraduate internships, to graduate internships and fellowships, and a robust externship program.

After **150 years** in practice, we are excited to continue the tradition of encouraging students to experience our history.



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