



AAVC Residents' Professional Development and Leadership Conference

Friday-Saturday, March 27 – March 28, 2026

Renaissance Concourse Atlanta Airport – Atlanta, Georgia

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Friday, March 27, 2026

10:30 – 11:15 Attendee Check -In

11:30 – 12:30 Department Heads, Hospital Directors, and Residents Lunch
Welcome and Introductions – [Dr. Chris Sanchez – American Association of Veterinary Clinicians](#)

Focus on Personal and Professional Success

12:30 – 1:45 Personal financial management – [Dr. Roger Fingland, The Ohio State University](#)

1:50 – 3:00 Feedback & Conflict Workshop Part 1 – [Dr. Karen Cornell, Texas A&M University](#)

3:00 – 3:30 Break

3:30 – 5:00 Feedback & Conflict Workshop Part 2 – [Dr. Karen Cornell, Texas A&M University](#)

6:00 Dinner

Saturday, March 28, 2026

7:00 – 8:00 Breakfast

Focus on Research

8:00 – 8:45 Funding sources and strategies for applied research – [Dr. Kate Meurs, North Carolina State University](#)

8:50 – 9:35 Turning a clinical question into a valid study design – [Dr. Darcy Adin, University of Florida](#)

9:40 – 10:00 Break

10:00 – 10:45 Sealing the Deal – Getting your work successfully published – [Dr. Kelsey Hart, University of Georgia](#)

Focus on Teaching and Learning

10:50 – 11:35 Writing test questions: CVM students in pre-clinical coursework – [Dr. Beth Davis, Kansas State University](#)

11:35 – 12:20 Competency-Based Veterinary Education: Clinical Performance Assessment for Students and House Officers – [Dr. Emma Read, Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges](#)

12:20 – 1:15 Lunch

1:15 – 2:05 Panel Discussion on Large classroom teaching – [Dr. Beth Davis, Kansas State University](#), [Dr. Emma Read, Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges](#), [Dr. Chris Sanchez – University of Florida](#)

Focus on Careers in Academia

2:10 – 3:10 Finding Your Place in Academia – [Dr. Emily Reppert, Kansas State University](#)

3:10 – 3:45 Break

3:45 – 4:30 Make a successful transition from resident to faculty – [Dr. Mandy Wallace, University of Georgia](#)

4:30 – 5:30 Q & A Panel with Faculty

6:30 Dinner