Policy on External Veterinary Students Completing Placements at The University Veterinary Teaching Hospital Sydney

The Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Sydney offers externships to students in their final year of veterinary studies from external programs accredited with the Veterinary Schools Accreditation Advisory Committee (VSAAC), the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), and the European Association for Establishments of Veterinary Education (EAEVE). Placements are available at The University Veterinary Teaching Hospital Sydney (UVTHS) via application.

Applications will be reviewed as received. The applicant will be notified of acceptance within 30 days of receiving their application. Selection will be based upon the following criteria:

1. The student is currently enrolled in the final year of a veterinary degree from a VSAAC, RCVS, AVMA or EAEVE accredited program

2. Academic ability and relevant experience evidenced by curriculum vitae

3. The student must agree to a minimum 3 week rotation or a maximum 6 week rotation, the dates of which must be aligned with our teaching program

4. Student placements at UVTHS may be in general small animal medicine, referral small animal medicine, small animal anaesthesia or small animal surgery or a combination of any two of these options

5. Relevant unit of study coordinators within the UVTHS in consultation with the Hospital Director will determine the outcome of such applications

6. The student is responsible for all travel and accommodation expenses.

The number of positions available each year and the outcome of individual applications are based upon ensuring sufficient educational opportunities for the internal veterinary student internship program.

All decisions regarding the outcome of these applications by academic staff are final.

Students wishing to apply should submit an Application Form, curriculum vitae, insurance details and letter from the Office of the Dean confirming enrolment status and an offer of similar educational opportunities to students enrolled in the Bachelor of Veterinary Science, University of Sydney to the Coordinator of Extramural Placements extramural@vetsci.usyd.edu.au
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1. Students must be enrolled in the final clinical year of a veterinary program at an institution accredited by VSAAC, RCVS, AVMA or EAEVE. The applicant must provide a letter from the Office of the Dean of their institution confirming that:
   a. S/he is a full time student of good academic standing and currently enrolled or will be enrolled in the final clinical year of a VSAAC, RCVS, AVMA or EAEVE accredited veterinary program at the time of the intended placement
   b. The proposed placement has been approved by the Dean
   c. The institution offers similar educational opportunities to students enrolled in the Bachelor of Veterinary Science University of Sydney

2. Student placements may be for a minimum one unit of study (3 weeks) or maximum two units of study (6 weeks).

3. Applicants will be assessed by relevant Unit of Study Coordinators and the Hospital Director in consultation with the Veterinary Student Internship Program Coordinator. All essential criteria must be provided for applications to be processed.

4. Successful applicants are required to complete all assessment tasks and will be graded on completion of the unit of study using a standard supervisor report form. A copy of this form will be provided to successful applicants prior to placement. If further assessment is required this should be detailed on acceptance of placement at UVTHS.

5. There are no tuition fees

6. External students are not covered by The University of Sydney insurance policies and must provide details of coverage and policies from their University applicable to external placements in order to be considered for an externship. You must provide proof of health insurance, personal accident insurance and professional liability insurance policies provided by your institution in relation to external placements.

7. International applicants must meet relevant visa requirements to gain entry to this program and relevant documents are available at www.immi.gov.au Please note that administrative fees may apply depending on visa type. Visa applications are the responsibility of the applicant, however Faculty staff will assist in this process where possible.

8. The number of positions available each year and the outcome of individual applications is based upon ensuring sufficient educational opportunities for all students undertaking internship/externship programs.

9. Preference will be given to students currently enrolled at institutions that provide a reciprocal agreement with the University of Sydney, Faculty of Veterinary Science with respect to student placements.

10. The student is responsible for all travel and accommodation expenses and visa requirements if applicable. Onsite accommodation is not available.

11. All decisions regarding the outcome of these applications by academic staff are final.