What’s the purpose of the Veterinary Medical Scientist Training Program?

It is designed to allow students to pursue a DVM and PhD degree simultaneously and, upon completion of the program, to meet the growing need for biomedical researchers. The program’s goal is One Medicine — to train students to integrate veterinary medicine, human medicine, and basic research so that they can contribute to the advancement of basic and clinical biomedical research.

Who can apply?

Eligible applicants will come from undergraduate, graduate, or DVM programs. Students applying from graduate programs other than those at UGA should consult with the Director of Graduate Programs about course equivalence and credit.

Applicants must have significant research experience in addition to in-depth clinical experience in at least one field of veterinary medicine. Interested students should contact the College of Veterinary Medicine for detailed information about requirements and procedures.

Where are classes held?

DVM courses are taken at the UGA CVM in Athens. PhD courses are fulfilled in graduate departments of the University and affiliated sites.

Is financial aid available?

Two scholarships per year are available to cover $15,000 per year of expenses during the four years of DVM training.

DVM/PhD program fellows will also be eligible for support through graduate assistantships, graduate training grants, veterinary graduate assistantships, and other research or teaching assistantships.

What research facilities are available to students?

State-of-the-art facilities are available at the UGA research campus, including key technologies, such as DNA sequencing, X-ray crystallography, and magnetic resonance imaging facilities.

Glycoprotein analysis equipment and expertise is available at the Complex Carbohydrate Center. Transgenic and cloned animal as well as stem cell research is conducted in multiple sites on campus, most notably the Regenerative Biosciences Center.

The CVM Teaching Hospital provides facilities for animal-related research. The libraries of state research campuses are connected through the Internet and share information on periodicals and publications. The Biomedical and Health Sciences Institute on the UGA campus coordinates biomedical research and teaching activities.

The Paul W. Coverdell Center for Biomedical and Health Sciences is across the street from the CVM, and high-level biological containment facilities are available in the Animal Health Research Center, located next to the College.
One Medicine
Veterinary Medical Scientist Training Program

The UGA College of Veterinary Medicine, founded in 1946, is dedicated to training future veterinarians, to conducting research related to animal and human diseases, and to providing veterinary services for animals and their owners. Research efforts are aimed at enhancing the quality of life for animals and people, improving the productivity of poultry and livestock, and preserving a healthy interface between wildlife and people in the environment they share. The college enrolls 102 students each fall out of more than 800 who apply. For more information, see www.vet.uga.edu.

Scholarships are provided by the Thomas and Dorothy Morris estate

Where can I find more information?

For questions about the structure of the program, whether this program is right for you and your research interests, or potential fellowships and awards associated with admission, contact:

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For questions about the application process, formal requirements, application status, etc., contact:

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For application deadlines, specific requirements, financial aid, program information, and other application information:

www.vet.uga.edu/GO/vmstp

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