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Thank you for your interest in joining our community of leaders at Penn Vet.

From its earliest days, Penn Vet has set itself apart. This is the only veterinary school awarding the Veterinariae Medicinae Doctoris (VMD) degree, which reflects our unique founding through a medical school. Like the visionary Founding Father and physician Benjamin Rush—who proposed Penn Vet back in 1807—our faculty and students are to this day dedicated to both animal and human health for the benefit of the whole world.

Today’s Penn Vet students have a wealth of extraordinary training opportunities as they shape the future of veterinary medicine. As part of a national research institution, you will have access to some 500 laboratories throughout the university. You will have the benefit of learning at both an urban campus in the heart of Philadelphia and in a rural environment at our New Bolton Center. And you will work alongside pioneering scholars, researchers, and physicians who are leading the conversation in biomedical research, food policy and safety, public health, and pathobiology.

At Penn Vet, we are problem-solvers on a global scale. Our students and faculty have traveled to Haiti, Thailand, India, and beyond to work in areas of food security, infectious diseases, and wildlife habitat destruction. And our students bring with them a variety of professional backgrounds—from environmental scientists to stockbrokers—to create a diverse, energetic, and engaged student body.

Penn Vet is a wonderfully vibrant and collaborative place. Our faculty members are inspired by our students, and we have an exciting and dynamic curriculum. If you have the initiative and reach out, you will rarely hear anything like, “No, we don’t do that here.” Instead, you’ll hear, “Go for it.” I’ve spent my career at Penn Vet and never looked back. And I have to say, it’s fun here. It’s just plain fun.
Penn Vet’s Philadelphia and New Bolton Center campuses offer students learning experiences in virtually the entire range of veterinary medicine. Each campus is home to an internationally renowned teaching hospital with some of the largest caseloads in the world.

The Philadelphia campus at the University of Pennsylvania is home to Ryan Hospital for companion animals, focusing primarily on dogs, cats, and exotic animals. Penn Vet’s Philadelphia campus also offers research facilities, hundreds of laboratories, and numerous resources for comprehensive biomedical research that Penn Vet shares with the University of Pennsylvania.

Few universities have professional schools in veterinary medicine, human medicine, dentistry, and nursing, as Penn has—and fewer still have them on a single campus. Plus, as a large urban medical center, the Philadelphia campus offers you extraordinary experience with a wide range of patients and medical challenges.

New Bolton Center campus in rural Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, comprises a large-animal hospital as well as a reproduction clinic, swine unit, dairy, and one of Pennsylvania’s three Animal Diagnostic Laboratories. Opened in 1952 on 700 pastoral acres in Chester County, New Bolton Center offers some of the nation’s finest routine and emergency veterinary services for horses, cattle, camels, pigs, goats, sheep, and other large animals.

New Bolton Center is also world-renowned for its groundbreaking research centers and laboratories. We strive to better understand animal disease processes, and to be leaders in the area of animal health and productivity for the betterment of society. Our facilities follow green technology and sustainable practices.
“When you consider getting to live and go to class in a vibrant city like Philadelphia and having access to a top-of-the-line busy equine hospital, it’s the best of both worlds.”

Katie Weatherall
VMD CANDIDATE

Ryan Veterinary Hospital
Philadelphia, PA

More than 33,000 small-animal patient visits a year—one of the busiest veterinary teaching hospitals in the country

13,000 visits annually through our Emergency Service—open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

More than 1,000 patients treated annually in the ICU—one of the nation’s most advanced units

Within a 100-mile radius of Philadelphia, offers the only nationally recognized veterinary trauma center

New Bolton Center
Kennett Square, PA

More than 70 buildings on campus, with 141 stalls for patients

More than 4,000 patients treated annually at the large-animal hospital

More than 29,000 animals treated annually by Field Service

200 head of cattle housed at Marshak Dairy
The VMD, Then and Now
VETERINARIAE MEDICINAE DOCTORIS

The degree of Veterinariae Medicinae Doctoris is a badge that honors Penn Vet’s roots in the University’s School of Medicine and our guiding principle that human and animal health are interrelated. The prestigious degree is unique to Penn Vet, setting graduates apart within veterinary medicine.

Penn Vet is the only veterinary school developed in association with a medical school, and is one of only four private veterinary schools in the nation. The School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania was founded in 1884 and has a longstanding tradition as a global leader in veterinary medicine education, research, and clinical care, with a tradition of compassionate clinical expertise, intellectual rigor, and the pursuit of innovative thinking.
Penn Vet’s history of firsts translates into unparalleled expertise

1890s Dr. Leonard Pearson uses tuberculin testing to control bovine tuberculosis.

1900s Penn Vet holds first veterinary continuing education conference for practitioners.

1920s Dr. Ernest C. Deubler, V’11, establishes the nation’s first brucellosis-free herd of cattle.

1930s Dr. Alfred Kissileff, V’33, successfully produces a calf through artificial insemination, the first in Pennsylvania.

1950s Dr. David K. Detweiler and Dr. John T. McGrath, V’43, begin to develop their specialties in veterinary cardiology and neuropathology, respectively.

1960s Drs. Robert Brodey and Lonny Rubin start the veterinary specialties of oncology and ophthalmology, respectively. | National Institutes of Health funds nation’s first VMD-PhD program at Penn Vet. | Penn Vet establishes the first veterinary section of medical genetics.

1970s First recovery pool for equine orthopaedic surgery is developed and opens at Penn Vet. | The Comparative Cardiovascular Studies Unit, the Section of Medical Genetics, the Center for the Interaction of Animals and Society, the Center for Food Animal Health and Productivity, Aquavet, and the Bovine Leukemia Research Center—all firsts—are created.

1980s The first transgenic animals are developed. | Dr. Mattie Hendrick provides the first link between vaccination and the development of fibrosarcomas in cats. | The world’s first test-tube calf, Virgil, is born. The research team is headed by Dr. Benjamin G. Brackett.

1990s Dr. Jim Ferguson and his team at New Bolton Center develop the concept of systematic breeding of dairy cows in an integrated program, a novel strategy that becomes the basis of many programs still employed throughout the global dairy industry. | Connelly Intensive Care Unit/Graham French Neonatal Section, the first building designed specifically for care of critically ill large animals, opens at New Bolton Center. | Marshak Dairy, the first greenhouse-style dairy complex in Pennsylvania, is dedicated. | The Mari Lowe Center for Comparative Oncology Research is established.

2000s A new swine facility fostering the latest humane methods in swine rearing opens at New Bolton Center. | The first Working Dog Center opens. | Ryan Hospital is designated one of the nation’s first Veterinary Trauma Centers.

Read even more firsts online at http://infinity.vet.upenn.edu/about/our-history/penn-vet-firsts
Watch the Penn Vet Leads video online at www.vet.upenn.edu/about/what-we-do/pennvet-leads
Penn Vet leads the way in curriculum development, as exemplified by our unique core/elective curriculum. Plus, the synergy generated by Penn Vet’s interaction with the University of Pennsylvania and the biomedical establishment in the Philadelphia region offers unparalleled opportunities for training and study.

Your first two years will consist of challenging courses in the basic sciences, including biochemistry, physiology, pharmacology, and anatomy. As a first- or second-year student, you may apply for a research project during the summer in diverse fields including marine biology, treatment of disease, technology, and business practices.

Second-year students attend lectures on the principles of surgery, including aseptic techniques, hemostasis, sutures and suture materials, shock, and wound healing. You will attend labs where you prepare patients—and yourself—for surgery.

You will increase clinical exposure in the third year in preparation for full-time clinics in the fourth year. In your clinical years, you will have access to a patient caseload unavailable at most other veterinary schools. Your hands-on experience includes small animals at Ryan Hospital and large animals at the New Bolton Center campus.
COMBINED-DEGREE PROGRAMS

VMD-PhD Program
The mission of the VMD-PhD program is to train outstanding veterinarian-scientists who will make valuable contributions to the advancement of science and medicine through research, clinical activities, and teaching. Graduates play vital roles in the areas of biomedical and pharmaceutical research, human and animal health, public health, government and military service, and academia.

Veterinary and graduate coursework are completed in the early part of the program, followed by PhD thesis research. The program concludes with clinical requirements, and students receive VMD and PhD degrees concurrently.

VMD-PhD students receive full funding support, including veterinary school and graduate school tuition, as well as a graduate-level stipend.

The VMD-PhD program at Penn Vet began in 1969 and has been enormously successful. More than 85% of our graduates hold positions in scientific research at academic institutions, research institutes, government agencies, or in the pharmaceutical industry.

VMD-MBA Program
For students whose career goals involve both veterinary medicine and business, Penn Vet and the Wharton School offer a combined program leading to the VMD-MBA degrees. The close proximity of the two renowned schools on the University of Pennsylvania campus and the interchange of knowledge between their faculties make such a unique educational venture possible.

The joint program involves five to six years of study, depending on curriculum selection.

DIRECTOR, VMD-PHD PROGRAM
“We give our students the training, funding, and advice needed to excel in an extensive range of research careers.”

Michael Atchison, PhD

Learn more about Penn Vet’s Academic Departments online at www.vet.upenn.edu/research/academic-departments
At Penn Vet, you will have an extraordinary opportunity to learn from pioneers of veterinary and human medicine. Since its inception, Penn Vet has led the way in such areas as infectious disease research, germ cell biology, animal transgenesis, comparative oncology, and comparative medical genetics. Penn Vet has also successfully integrated scholarship and research with all aspects of veterinary medical education.

Many veterinarians at Penn Vet transcend the animal world by applying the knowledge they have gained through their research to develop better treatments for animals and people. For example, in 2011, Dr. Ralph Brinster became the only veterinarian ever to win the National Medal of Science. He developed a reliable in-vitro culture system for early mouse embryos. Now the system is used in embryo manipulations such as human in-vitro fertilization, mammalian cloning, and embryonic stem cell therapy.
Dr. Ralph Brinster
RICHARD KING MELLON PROFESSOR OF REPRODUCTIVE PHYSIOLOGY AND NATIONAL MEDAL OF SCIENCE WINNER
“There is no question that Penn Vet leads all veterinary schools worldwide in biomedical research and ranks among the best medical schools in the range of learning experiences. It is the place to be if one wants to understand the role of veterinary medicine in animal and human health around the globe.”

Dr. Karin Sorenmo
PROFESSOR OF ONCOLOGY, WHO ESTABLISHED THE PENN VET SHELTER CANINE MAMMARY TUMOR PROGRAM
“Penn Vet leads because our faculty is committed to excellence in research, teaching, and clinical care. Being able to provide care for some of the most vulnerable animals in our society, while at the same time fighting breast cancer, represents everything I wanted to do as a veterinarian and a researcher.”

Dr. Kurt Hankenson
DEAN W. RICHARDSON CHAIR OF EQUINE DISEASE RESEARCH, WHO DISCOVERED A PROTEIN THAT CAN HELP BOTH HUMAN AND ANIMAL PATIENTS HEAL FROM BONE FRACTURES FASTER
“Penn Vet leads by having the premier dual-degree training program in the country. The history of the program, coupled with its integration with the VMD-PhD training program, and the access to research training at a biomedical research institution of Penn’s formidable capacity is impressive and second to none.”

Dr. Gary Althouse
MARION DILLEY AND DAVID GEORGE JONES CHAIR IN ANIMAL REPRODUCTION, WORLD-RENOVED EXPERT AND PROFESSOR OF REPRODUCTION AND SWINE HEALTH
“The access we have in both case numbers and commercial production systems really sets us apart in being able to provide a thorough and robust teaching program during our students’ clinical years.”
As a student, you will benefit from Penn Vet’s interdisciplinary approach to research and collaboration with the University of Pennsylvania’s other top-rated graduate schools.

As part of the University of Pennsylvania, Penn Vet is a key partner in one of the world’s great biomedical research and teaching centers. Our students learn first-hand how veterinary medicine and research impacts human lives, as well as those of animals. Close ties with the Perelman School of Medicine, the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Engineering and Applied Science, Penn Nursing, Penn Dental Medicine, the Center for Public Health Initiatives, and the Wharton School have resulted in groundbreaking research.

Our distinguished faculty members bring a diverse range of academic backgrounds and unique perspectives to the classroom and clinic that will broaden your view of veterinary medicine. Penn Vet faculty conduct groundbreaking research projects ranging in focus from osteosarcoma, molecular genetics, retinal blindness, the therapeutic potential of stem cells, and the impact of stress on pregnant females and their offspring, to the impact of nutrition and crating on swine health and reproduction. From large to small, from molecular to systemic, research at Penn Vet continues to push the limits of what we know about animals and humans.
ONE HEALTH INITIATIVE

Penn Vet plays an integral role in the One Health Initiative, which is dedicated to improving the lives of all species – human and animal – through the integration of human medicine, veterinary medicine, and environmental science.

The relationship between animal health and human health is at the core of Penn Vet’s teaching tradition. Most people think of veterinarians as doctors who treat cats and dogs. But vets are uniquely trained in comparative biology, understanding medicine fundamentally such that all species benefit.

At Penn Vet, in collaboration with the Mayo Clinic, we are predicting and controlling seizures in dogs and humans. Our vets have also discovered a protein that can help both animal and human patients heal from bone fractures faster and a compound that can help both animals and humans suffering from cancer and arthritis live pain-free lives. And our groundbreaking gene therapy work treating canine blindness is now in human trials.

“People here are not just experts in a particular field—many have found ways to work across disciplines and are truly pioneers. It’s a fascinating place to learn!”

Sam Gilbert

VMD CANDIDATE
At Penn Vet, we believe veterinarians play an integral part in ensuring public health and food safety at both local and global levels. We believe future veterinarians should serve on the frontlines: guarding against newly emerging diseases and bio- and agro-terrorism, working to protect the environment, and advancing the forefront of biomedical research.

**STUDENT INSPIRATION AWARDS**

- **Nikki Wright** and **Lisa Gretebeck** created a learning center in Haiti to provide training in sustainable goat management, while improving the genetics of the local goat population and supporting financial independence and community commerce.

- **Brittany Gross** used her award to construct Dairy Learning Centers in rural Northeast Thailand in order to empower young Thai women to find employment and become leaders in the country’s burgeoning dairy industry.

- **Jonathan Lustgarten** pioneered the Rehabilitation and Emergency COMputerized VEterinary Records, or RECOVER—a state-of-the-art electronic veterinary health record system to help veterinarians care for animals during disaster relief efforts and allow for tracking of animals throughout the process of rescue and recovery.
**PENN VET LEADS** around the world, across the nation, and in our backyard.

The Center for Animal Health and Productivity at Penn Vet’s New Bolton Center, led by Dr. David Galligan, has developed state-of-the-art computer software that controls feed cost, promotes animal health and production, and helps minimize environmental pollutants. Our knowledge related to increasing yield per animal for dairy cows helps feed developing countries.

At Penn Vet, Dr. Sherrill Davison developed surveillance technology that provides the ability to stem an outbreak of avian influenza. Within one month, a potentially devastating outbreak in Pennsylvania was stopped at a cost of $400,000, while a similar outbreak in Virginia at the same time cost the state over $100 million.

On September 11, 2012, the Penn Vet Working Dog Center opened in Philadelphia, leading the way as a national research and development center for detection dogs. The Center is led by Penn Vet’s Dr. Cynthia Otto, who served on a team that used working dogs to search for survivors at Ground Zero.

Penn Vet’s Dr. Shelley Rankin developed a system where poultry eggs can be tested for Salmonella 10 times more swiftly than current methods, saving millions of dollars and ensuring public health and food safety. The FDA has adopted this test for the Federal Egg Safety Program, further illustrating the importance of veterinary researchers.

**PENN VET SERVES THE COMMUNITY**

Third-year Penn Vet students perform spays and neuters in junior surgery. Students also volunteer at the Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) clinic, participate in the Shelter Medicine Club, and provide veterinary care on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.

**“PENN GESTATION” HUSBANDRY SYSTEM**

Dr. Thomas Parsons has developed an alternative to the gestation stall for the care of pregnant sows that has become one of the fastest-growing methods of raising swine in Pennsylvania and across North America. Dr. Parsons and his group work with farmers to teach them how to manage sows in an economically sustainable fashion while researching the animal welfare impact. Over 60 nationally branded corporations including Smithfield, Hormel, Safeway, Oscar Mayer, McDonald’s, Burger King, and Wendy’s all require their supplier to adopt such alternatives.
Penn Vet’s main campus is located in the University City neighborhood of Philadelphia. The metropolitan area is a magnet for higher education, with the largest number of colleges and universities in the United States. Philadelphia is rich in American history and brimming with museums, restaurants, theaters, cultural attractions, and recreational opportunities in one of the world’s largest city park systems: Fairmount Park. Thanks to city founder William Penn’s grid street design, Philadelphia is a wonderfully walkable city. SEPTA, Philadelphia’s mass transit system, is also convenient to Penn’s campus.

A typical class of around 125 students will reflect a range of ages, backgrounds, and nationalities—and some students will have shifted careers entirely to study at Penn Vet. Many students choose to live in the vibrant and culturally diverse University City district, or in the adjacent Rittenhouse Square, Center City, and Graduate Hospital neighborhoods. Penn Vet has a wealth of student clubs and organizations, and social events are held throughout the academic year.

Read FAQs about Student Life at Penn Vet by visiting us online at www.vet.upenn.edu/education/student-life/faqs
Penn Vet students develop a very close-knit community. It’s exciting being around people who not only share your interests, but also care about you and want everyone to succeed. The atmosphere of empathy and collaboration extends to the relationship with the professors as well.

Elizabeth Pulice

“Penn is full of opportunity to discover. So many people from diverse backgrounds and with diverse interests come together to make amazing things happen at Penn Vet.”

Stephen Cole

“The faculty, staff, and students really make Penn Vet a special place to be. It’s not only a school, but a home as well.”

Dr. Shelley Rankin

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MICROBIOLOGY, WHO DEVELOPED THE FIRST QUICK TEST FOR SALMONELLA, WHICH HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE FDA

“At Penn Vet you only need to cross the street to find like-minded colleagues, experts, and true visionaries—and all at the top of their game. I tell students all the time that you can do anything you dream of at Penn Vet—if you can think it, you can do it.”

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**Important Timelines**
APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED JUNE 5 – OCTOBER 2 FOR THE CLASS ENTERING THE FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER.

**GRE Scores**
All applicants must submit scores obtained on the *Graduate Record Examination* (GRE), (Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 6000, Princeton, New Jersey 08541; 609-776-7670).

*The GRE Institution Code for Penn Vet is 2775.* There is not a specific Department Code for Penn Vet.

GRE scores must be received by *October 1*.

**VMCAS**
Exposure to practice, research, or other areas of veterinary medicine is essential and should be described on the VMCAS application. Evaluations must be submitted electronically through VMCAS (eLOR) by *September 15* at 1:00 p.m. ET.

One recommendation must be from a science-related academic source and one must be from a veterinarian. The third is of the applicant’s choice, but should not be from a family member.

Instructions are provided on the VMCAS website at [https://portal.vmcas.org/](https://portal.vmcas.org/).

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**Camille DeClementi, V’94**

**SENIOR DIRECTOR, ANIMAL HEALTH SERVICES, AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (ASPCA)**

How did Penn Vet prepare me to lead?
Penn Vet taught me how to solve problems. Penn also showed me that veterinarians have many exciting career paths open to them in addition to traditional practice.

How do I lead in my career?
I’ve been able to take on many diverse projects, including leading the charge to use electronic medical records in all the medical programs of the ASPCA, and consolidating all ordering of medical supplies under one department to take advantage of cost-savings and help more animals. I’ve been able to manage these projects while becoming board-certified in veterinary toxicology, being a media spokesperson, speaking at conferences on toxicology topics, and publishing journal articles and book chapters.

For complete information, please visit [www.vet.upenn.edu](http://www.vet.upenn.edu)
**Academic Requirements**

The Committee on Admissions maintains high standards for coursework and testing in order to ensure that candidates are adequately prepared for a rigorous curriculum of studies prior to enrollment and matriculation at Penn Vet.

**English**
6 semester credits (at least 3 must be in composition)

**Social Sciences or Humanities**
6 semester credits

**Physics**
8 semester credits, including 2 laboratories

**Chemistry**
12 semester credits, including laboratory in at least one course; 8 semester credits in general chemistry; and at least 4 semester credits in organic chemistry

**Biology or Zoology**
9 semester credits, or 3 courses, and one of the courses must cover the basic principles of genetics

**Microbiology**
3 semester credits

**Biochemistry**
3 semester credits

**Calculus**
3 semester credits

**Statistics**
3 semester credits of any introductory statistics course

A grade of C (2.0) or better must be earned for these courses.

While we do consider junior year applicants (90 credits), the more academic course work you have completed, the stronger the application.

The biology requirements may be met by taking a six semester credit course in general biology, which includes the biology of plants and animals. This may be followed by a course of not less than three semester credits in embryology or comparative anatomy of the vertebrates. An alternative method of completing the biology requirements is to take separate courses in vertebrate zoology, genetics, and embryology or comparative anatomy.

Applicants also have the option of taking any other courses that will satisfy these requirements. The ability of the applicant to write and speak English correctly is important. The choice of additional courses is left to the student. However, since the curriculum of a professional school is extremely specialized, students are encouraged to make their college years as broad as possible by selecting in the humanities and social sciences. **All course requirements must be completed by the end of 1st Summer Session and all final transcripts must be sent to Admissions by July 20.**
Committee on Admissions

All applicants for each entering class are reviewed by the Committee on Admissions, a standing committee of the faculty. Applicants are selected on a comparative basis. Having all the requirements for admission does not ensure acceptance, since there are many more applicants than available spots. In making selections, the Committee on Admissions considers all factors presented in the applicant’s file, but the following are most important: academic ability; apparent familiarity with the profession and resultant sincerity of interest; recommendations of academic counselors, science faculty, and veterinarians; GRE scores; character; personality; and general fitness and adaptability for a career in veterinary medicine.

A Commitment to Diversity

Penn Vet admits students of any race, color, sexual or affectional preference, age, religion, and national or ethnic origin, and students who may be handicapped or disabled to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the School.

The Penn Vet Admissions Committee seeks to enroll a diversified class and therefore considers such factors as socioeconomic (including racial and ethnic) background, geographic origin (urban, suburban, and rural), specific interests and activities, personal traits, and academic background.

Financial Matters

In deciding whether Penn Vet is the right next step for you, we encourage you to carefully consider costs and financial options.

Please visit our website for information about tuition and educational fees, as well as living expenses and other costs. More Information about Tuition and Fees is available at www.vet.upenn.edu/education/financial-matters/tuition-fees

We at Penn Vet understand that affording your education can seem daunting. We are committed to helping you every step of the way through budget plans, loan applications, and the latest scholarship information. Friends and alumni of our school play key roles in supporting student scholarship aid as a means of reducing our students’ debt burdens.

More Information about Financial Assistance is available at www.vet.upenn.edu/education/financial-matters/financial-assistance

FAQ

The Office of Admissions is committed to helping candidates through the application steps and encourages prospective students to begin the process as early as possible.

Read the FAQ about applying to Penn Vet by visiting us online at www.vet.upenn.edu/education/admissions/faqs

How did Penn Vet prepare me to lead?

The clinicians at Penn Vet provided me with the skills and opportunities to serve the public and the agricultural community. I can confidently approach many large-animal tasks and procedures: from bovine reproductive ultrasound, surgery, and lameness, to equine emergency medicine and infectious disease, to the numerous small-ruminant emergencies seen in private practice.

Nate Harvey, V’03

LARGE-ANIMAL VETERINARIAN,
QUAKERTOWN VETERINARY CLINIC

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How do I lead in my career?

As a large-animal veterinarian in Pennsylvania, I am part of a very small population of vets who have the awesome privilege and skills to work on a broad spectrum of farm animals. I lead by providing my clients and producers with the best services available in the industry, as I learned from my mentors at New Bolton Center. I also lead by serving the community, an intrinsic value for all Penn Vets.
CONTACT ADMISSIONS
You can contact Penn Vet Admissions via mail, phone, or email. If you would like to meet with us, please make an appointment at least one week in advance.

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Email
admissions@vet.upenn.edu

Office Hours
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (ET)
Monday-Friday
The Summer Veterinary Exploration Through Science (VETS) program is an exciting opportunity for both college and high school students (11th and 12th graders) with an interest in veterinary medicine.

Students will participate in rotations with our fourth-year vet students and experience veterinary medicine throughout Ryan Hospital for companion animals. Students will rotate through services, which could include cardiology, medicine, dentistry and oral surgery, emergency services, and surgery/orthopedics. Special labs in pathology and anatomy have been created specifically for Summer VETS students, who will learn from Penn Vet’s renowned faculty. A whole day will be devoted to New Bolton Center, Penn Vet’s large-animal facility. Students will tour the Marshak Dairy, the hospital, and the Jeffords Treadmill Facility. The program will be supplemented by lectures in Public Health and Toxicology, Working Dogs, and Clinical Investigations.

A panel discussion with current Penn Vet students will provide participants the opportunity to learn first-hand about our veterinary school. Additionally, participants will interact with members of the Admissions Office. One-on-one sessions with an Admissions officer also can be arranged.

If you have an interest in a career in veterinary medicine, the Summer VETS program will provide an understanding of the challenges and rewards of the profession. You will engage with other students who share your passion and begin forging future relationships with those who care about science and medicine for both animals and humans.

For more information, email summervets@vet.upenn.edu.
Noelle Schoettle

SUMMER VETS PARTICIPANT AND VMD CANDIDATE

“A few summers ago I attended the Summer VETS program and immediately fell in love with Penn Vet. While the resources and opportunities at Penn were unparalleled in many respects, for me, it really came down to the people. All of the students I met and interacted with were so incredibly down-to-earth, unique, and passionate, and I could really see myself here. The entire community at Penn Vet is so inclusive and welcoming, and I could not be happier with my decision to choose Penn.”

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