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| <p><b>Application Submission</b></p> <p><b>&gt;&gt; May- September</b></p> | <p>When to apply: quality over speed</p> <p>&gt;&gt; You don't need to apply as soon as the VMCAS opens in May. This isn't a 'first come, first serve' process. Although we don't advise waiting until the last minute, there is plenty of time through the months of June, July and August to include all information in your application and submit all the required items to VMCAS. To make sure we are comparing applications fairly and inclusively, we start reviewing our applications in late fall (November).</p> <p>&gt;&gt; All applicants are notified of receipt of their application by email no later than December 5. At this time, if an application is missing items, applicants will be notified.</p>  |
| <p><b>Application Review</b></p> <p><b>&gt;&gt; October-November</b></p>   | <p>Your academic record matters</p> <p>&gt;&gt; GRE Score</p> <p>&gt;&gt; Includes cumulative undergraduate grade-point average, achievement in required pre-professional courses, advanced degrees and academic honors.</p> <p>Veterinary, animal and/or health science experience</p> <p>&gt;&gt; This may include the care, knowledge, and experience gained working in a veterinary, agricultural, research, human health and or biomedical setting. Such experience should be of appropriate breadth and depth and should entail more than having provided routine care and feeding of companion animals or family pets.</p> <p>A well-rounded and exceptional individual</p> <p>&gt;&gt; Extracurricular activities, community engagement, leadership roles, employment not related to animals</p> <p>&gt;&gt; Potential for contribution to, and advancement of, the profession.</p> |

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| <p><b>Invitations for an Interview</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt; <b>December-February</b></p> | <p>&gt;&gt; Personal interviews with the Committee on Admissions are by invitation only. We unfortunately can't guarantee interviews for all our applicants.</p> <p>&gt;&gt; We will send out invites for interview throughout January and February, in many groupings and usually right up to our last interview day.</p> <p>&gt;&gt; While we try to give at least three weeks notice prior to an interview, we also have openings that become available for a specific interview day inside of the standard 3 week window.</p> |
| <p><b>Interviews</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt; <b>January-February</b></p>                    | <p>&gt;&gt; We will hold interviews in January and February and suggest that you not schedule any trips, vacations, or events that cannot be canceled during this time, as we will not reschedule an applicants interview day. It is best to keep these months open for a possible interview.</p> <p>&gt;&gt; Interviews are required and held in-person on the Penn Vet campus.</p>  |
| <p><b>File Your FAFSA</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt; <b>January-February</b></p>               | <p>&gt;&gt; Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid. Learn more about the FAFSA</p>   |
| <p><b>Decisions</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt; <b>February-March</b></p>                       | <p>&gt;&gt; All applicants are notified of the committee's decision by email between January and April. However most applicants will be notified by the end February.</p> <p>&gt;&gt; Applicants who have not been accepted may request an appointment for counseling in late spring in preparation for an application the following year. If you have previously applied, but were not selected, you must apply again through the complete VMCAS process to be reconsidered.</p>   |