

## Veterinary Science Work Experience Requirements – 2016 entry

Students should create a portfolio of work experience which includes record of dates, contact details and duties of all work experience, as they gain it as all universities will want to see what students have completed and may require references relating to the experience.

University	Duration	Requirements	Contact Details
Bristol University	8 Weeks	<p>We would expect all applicants to have considerable amounts of work experience in a variety of veterinary practices and animal establishments. We are not prescriptive in our work experience requirements but when scoring the UCAS form personal statement, top marks are given if candidates have spent more than 4 weeks (i.e. more than 20 days) in more than 1 veterinary practice and more than 4 weeks in a good spread of animal establishments (e.g. dairy, beef, poultry, pig, sheep farms, kennels, cattery, rescue centre, wildlife park, zoo, abattoir, laboratory). We do understand that it may be difficult to get placements in some establishments (e.g. due to bio security concerns) or that placements may be for a short period such as an afternoon (e.g. at abattoirs and zoos). We do count placements that you will be doing in forthcoming vacations within our count of time spend undertaking work experience</p>	<p>+44 (0)117 394 1641</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:vet-ug-admissions@bristol.ac.uk">vet-ug-admissions@bristol.ac.uk</a></p>
Cambridge University BMAT required	<a href="http://www.vet.cam.ac.uk/applications/faq">http://www.vet.cam.ac.uk/applications/faq</a>	<p>Work experience is not a requirement for applicants but some experience is useful to understand the profession and what is required of its members. The most important reason for doing work experience is for you to find out what the job is like and to make sure that you know what you are letting yourself in for - as well as giving you something to discuss at interview. It is not essential or even desirable to spend lengthy periods doing this kind of work. You certainly should not give up other valuable forms of extra-curricular activity, e.g. sports or music, in order to undertake work specifically with animals. Indeed, some successful candidates have not had extensive experience of such work. We are more interested in what you have gained or learnt from your work experience rather than the quantity you have accumulated.</p>	<p>+44(0)1223 330810</p> <p><a href="mailto:admissions.enquiries@vet.cam.ac.uk">admissions.enquiries@vet.cam.ac.uk</a></p>

Edinburgh University	<p>Not specified but expected</p> <p><a href="http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/vet/studyin-g/uk-eu-school-leavers/work-experience/overview">http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/vet/studyin-g/uk-eu-school-leavers/work-experience/overview</a></p>	<p>You should gain as much and as varied as practical work experience as possible, which should include time spent on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Seeing veterinary practice, both large and small animal if possible.</li> <li>■ Livestock farms - dairying and lambing are particularly useful.</li> <li>■ Other animal establishments, such as zoos, kennels, catteries, wildlife centres, pig farms, poultry farms and stables.</li> <li>■ A day at an abattoir is recommended but not demanded.</li> </ul> <p>We encourage experience gained in veterinary or medical laboratories to help you appreciate the scientific basis of veterinary medicine. We do not ask for specific types or the number of days/weeks required for work experience as it depends, to some extent, on the opportunities available to individual candidates. The broader the experience, the better but you should not gain experience to the detriment of your academic studies</p>	<p><b>Tel:</b> +44(0)131 651 7305</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:vetug@ed.ac.uk">vetug@ed.ac.uk</a></p>
Glasgow University	6 weeks	<p>You must have a minimum of 10 days work experience in a veterinary practice, either in a voluntary or paid capacity. This is to ensure that you understand fully what the job entails.</p>	<p>+44 (0) 141 330 5705</p> <p>e-mail : <a href="mailto:vet-sch-admissions@glasgow.ac.uk">vet-sch-admissions@glasgow.ac.uk</a></p>
Liverpool University	<p>10 Weeks</p> <p><a href="https://www.liv.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/veterinary-science-bvsc/entry-requirements/">https://www.liv.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/veterinary-science-bvsc/entry-requirements/</a></p>	<p>Candidates should have spent a minimum of 6 weeks gaining experience of the husbandry of a range of animals, on commercial livestock farms, in commercial stables and in commercial or rescue kennels/cattery. It is also beneficial to have gained experience in other veterinary-related sectors e.g. abattoirs, laboratories, zoos or wildlife centres. Candidates should also have completed at least 4 weeks in veterinary practice. As a minimum, experience should be gained in at least two different practices, preferably one small animal and one large animal (mainly farm/equine) practice.</p>	<p>Veterinary Science Admissions</p> <p><a href="mailto:vetadmit@liverpool.ac.uk">vetadmit@liverpool.ac.uk</a></p> <p>+44 (0)151 794 4797</p>
Nottingham University	6 Weeks (minimum)	<p>All applicants should have gained a broad range, and at least six weeks experience of working with animals before they apply. For example, this</p>	+44(0)115 951 6464

		<p>should include experience at the following establishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One or more veterinary practices</li> <li>• Working with larger domestic animals on a livestock farm</li> <li>• Other animal experience (e.g. kennels, riding school, zoo etc)</li> </ul> <p>We may consider references from your work experience placements, exceptionally, in decisions on making offers post-interview only. We do not wish to receive detailed case studies or journals, although you could bring them to interview if you wish. These references should be sent to the Veterinary School Admissions Officer and identified with your UCAS number before the 1st of December.</p>	<p>Email: <a href="mailto:veterinary-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk">veterinary-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk</a></p>
<p>Royal Veterinary College</p> <p>BMAT is compulsory for all Home/EU students. International fee paying students do not need to sit the BMAT</p>	<p>4 Weeks minimum</p>	<p>To apply for the BVetMed you will need to have prior work experience in order to have developed animal handling skills and obtained an insight into the work of veterinary surgeons. Before you apply, you must have completed the minimum requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•A total of two weeks of work experience (paid or voluntary) in one or more veterinary practices</li> <li>•A total of two weeks in a variety of different animal environments (outside of your home environment).</li> </ul> <p>This experience must be gained in the 18 months prior to the application deadline. We encourage you to think creatively about these environments and are interested to hear about any experiences that have helped to give you a sense of the veterinary role in the wider world. Examples of such environments might include, but are not limited to: kennels, cattery, animal shelter, rural or city farm, stables, pet shop, lambing, intensive livestock, abattoir, research laboratory, pharmacy, wildlife park, zoo, etc. You do not have to have gained experience in all these areas.</p> <p>All applicants (except North American students applying through VMCAS) must complete the online work experience questionnaire by 15th October.</p>	<p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:admissions@rvc.ac.uk">admissions@rvc.ac.uk</a> Tel : +44 (0) 20 7468 5147</p>

Surrey University	<p>4 weeks minimum</p> <p><a href="http://www.surrey.ac.uk/undergraduate/veterinary-medicine-science">http://www.surrey.ac.uk/undergraduate/veterinary-medicine-science</a></p>	<p>Applicants are expected to have gained at least four weeks' animal-related work experience, to include some time spent in general veterinary practice. Experience could include farm, stable yard, kennels, rescue centre, research laboratory or abattoir work. Work experience will be assessed by an online questionnaire.</p>	<p>Undergraduate Enquiries Phone: +44 (0)1483 68 2222 Email: <a href="mailto:ug-enquiries@surrey.ac.uk">ug-enquiries@surrey.ac.uk</a></p>
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