

**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

**VETERINARY EARLY COMMITMENT PROGRAM FOR  
STUDENTS INTERESTED IN FOOD SUPPLY MEDICINE**

**Part 1: Selection of students**

General information

1. Applicants must be full-time students in the Department of Animal Sciences in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University
2. Students will apply during Spring Quarter of their second year in the Department of Animal Sciences.
3. Students will be selected during Summer or Autumn quarter by the selection committee.
4. A maximum of ten (10) seats will be reserved each year
  - a. When possible, at least one seat will be reserved for a swine-focused student and at least one seat for a poultry-focused student
5. Two alternates will be selected each year.

Selection Committee

1. The selection committee will be an ad hoc subcommittee of the Admissions Committee of the College of Veterinary Medicine. The subcommittee will be composed of:
  - a. Two Animal Sciences faculty members
  - b. Two CVM faculty members; one from the Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine and one from Large Animal Clinical Sciences
  - c. One member of the CVM Admission's Committee
2. Committee members will serve staggered 3-year terms
3. Members will be nominated by their department chairs (Animal Sciences and VPM) or section head (Large Animal Clinic) and approved by the Admissions Committee,

except the member of the Admissions Committee who will be appointed by the chair of the Admissions Committee.

### Selection Criteria

1. GPA
  - a. Must meet minimum GPA required by the CVM (*currently, 3.0*)
  - b. Minimum grades in prerequisite courses of 2.0, or as required by CVM
  - c. Completion of all required courses for CVM admission, with the exception that no more than three courses may remain after Summer Quarter of the junior/third academic year.
2. ACT Score
3. Difficulty of course work and course load
4. Leadership and extracurricular activities
5. Personal statement of intent
6. Three letters of recommendation
  - a. One must be from a faculty member in the Department of Animal Sciences, one from a practicing food animal veterinarian, and the third may be of the candidate's choice
7. List of animal experience/veterinary experience/industry experience
  - a. These may be farm background, participation in 4H or FFA, experience with a food animal veterinarian, research related to food animals, or other similar experience such as work in a feedlot, dairy farm, agribusiness, or government agency (e.g., USDA-APHIS, FSIS, or ARS) setting.
8. A personal interview with two or more faculty from the CVM and Department of Animal Sciences
9. The selection committee will present its recommendations to the Admissions Committee of the CVM for approval. Final acceptance is the responsibility of the Admissions Committee.

## **Part 2: Requirements for students accepted into the Veterinary Early Commitment Program for Students Interested in Food Supply Medicine**

1. Each student will be assigned co-advisors, one from CVM and one from the Department of Animal Sciences
2. Students should meet with both advisors each quarter
3. The student must submit a course of study to the co-advisors for approval  
*(The dairy emphasis program could be a model for this)*
4. The student must maintain a minimum of a 3.0 accumulative GPA
5. The student must maintain grades of at least 2.0 in required CVM prerequisite courses
6. The student must take the GRE
7. Students will be required to complete two approved externships
8. Students must demonstrate continued interest in food supply medicine through activities and course of studies
9. Students must continue to make satisfactory progress towards BS degree
10. Students are encouraged to attend Food Animal Club meetings and events whenever possible
11. Students are encouraged to attend food animal rounds whenever possible
12. The selection committee will evaluate students annually for satisfactory progress.  
Students who fail to meet requirements will be excused from the program and one of the alternates will fill their position

## **Part 3: Final Admission to CVM**

1. **Final approval prior to admission to the CVM is the responsibility of the Admissions Committee of the CVM**
2. Meet minimum requirements for GPA as required by CVM
3. Must meet minimum GRE score required by the CVM (currently 1000)
4. Completion of all prerequisite courses
5. Completion of requirements for the B.S. in Agriculture, majoring in Animal Sciences
6. Letter of approval from the Veterinary Early Commitment Program for Students Interested in Food Supply Medicine committee