

Out-of-State and Foreign Applicants

Veterinary medicine is a global profession with career opportunities in multiple fields. As such, we seek the best and the brightest applicants with diverse career interests from the broad spectrum of cultural backgrounds. Being a California-based school, qualified California residents will make up the majority of our DVM classes. However, we will admit some highly qualified U.S. or international candidates who will enhance the profession through their career or cultural diversity.

Admitted nonresidents have an average cumulative GPA of 3.8 and GRE scores ranking above the 80th percentile.

Based on agreements with the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) program, a small number of WICHE applicants may be admitted as nonresidents and pay out-of-state tuition.

For further information on residence requirements for tuition purposes, visit the Web site (<http://registrar.ucdavis.edu/UCDWebCatalog/appendix/residency.html>).

Applicants who have received part or all of their education in a country other than the United States or Canada must provide the following: official transcript(s) with an evaluation of the transcript(s) from an evaluation service and official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination taken within a five-year period prior to application. This condition applies if English is not the native language of the prospective student or prerequisite course work has been undertaken at an institution where English was not the language of instruction.

Veterinary Medical Opportunity Program

The Veterinary Medical Opportunity Program (VMOP) identifies prospective students whose academic records alone may not reflect their ability to succeed in veterinary school. Applicants who face obstacles in higher education due to economic, cultural, social, educational, disability-related or other factors may submit a Veterinary Medical Opportunity Program application in addition to the general veterinary school application.

The Program Committee recommends the most qualified applicants to the Admissions Committee. All VMOP applicants must meet the school's minimum academic requirements. They must also demonstrate potential for academic success. Relevant evidence includes transcripts and GRE scores showing improvement over time. Applicants must also meet the minimum academic requirement for admission.

Applicants do not need to be disadvantaged in all areas to be eligible for this program. The following eligibility considerations may assist applicants:

- To declare economic disadvantage, applicants must document a history of low income prior to college entrance.
- Applicants may cite cultural or social factors that impede the transition from home to a university environment. Examples include the demands of learning English as a second language or stress caused when values and customs at home differ from those encountered in school. Other circumstances of family members that impact the family as a whole, such as single-parenthood, substance abuse or serious medical issues may also slow academic progress.
- Educational barriers may include academically inferior preparation at the high school level, lack of educational role models, and other factors.
- Prospective students may cite physical or learning disabilities. These applicants must submit documentation of their disabilities along with the VMOP application.

VMOP applications will be available July 1 and must be returned directly to the School of Veterinary Medicine by October 1. For more information or to request this supplemental application, call the Office of Student Programs, (530) 752-1383; speech/hearing impaired, 752-6TTY; or visit our Web site (www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu).

Dates to Remember

October 1

- Deadline for filing completed application for admission and supporting documents.
- Last date to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Aptitude Test only. The GRE must be taken by October 1 of the year you submit your application.

The Verbal, Quantitative and Analytical Writing sections of the GRE will be used in the admissions process.

Visit GRE Online (www.gre.org) to download the GRE Bulletin, the GRE Practice General Test, registration, sample questions and updated lists of computer-based testing center locations.

Send GRE scores to
UC Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine, Institution Code 4804.

Early January

- If enrolled fall term, arrange to have transcripts sent within 10 working days after the end of the term.

Late February

- Interviews begin in late February and continue until the end of March.

April 1

- April 1 is the approximate date notices of acceptance and nonacceptance are sent to all applicants.