Addressing Student Debt

The cost of a quality professional education can be a significant impediment for our students as they strive to reach their dream of becoming veterinarians. The school has taken multiple steps to increase financial aid and scholarship support, thus stabilizing tuition and fees, and reducing the financial burden on students.

Tuition and Fees Stabilized

We have stabilized tuition and fees since 2011. Our current annual cost for the veterinary program is $31,320. Student fees for the DVM program have been modestly increased only once in six years to keep pace with inflation rates.

Increased Financial Aid

Our aggressive approach to increase financial aid through loans, grants and scholarship support has made a significant impact in helping our students. At the university, approximately one-third of all tuition is returned to students as financial aid. Veterinary students receive an average of $6,700 annually in financial aid grants in addition to scholarship support. The school’s scholarship endowment has now grown to more than $68.7 million, making it one of the largest in the country. In 2016, we were able to provide $2.7 million in scholarships and another $4 million in financial aid, as well as $500 to each first-year student for computer support.

Continued
Financial Aid Guidance

The new Veterinary Medicine Student Services and Administration Center opening in March will house the academic and student program teams, committed to supporting students through a wide range of services and programs. To help students successfully obtain funding, manage their finances and control their debt, the team provides financial counseling services, information and on-line resources.

Career Resources

We ensure a smooth transition into the veterinary workforce by providing multiple professional career services including resume writing, interviewing, and career counseling and exploration. The school has also established the following resources:

- **VetMedJobs** – a free online job board used by more than 950 students and alumni, and 500 employers. www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/students/clw/career/index.cfm
- **Career and Networking Night** – an annual event to facilitate interactions between our students and veterinary professionals to explore extended learning and employment opportunities.
- **The Mentor Network** – an informal student-driven information network designed to connect current DVM students to professionals who represent a wide variety of careers in veterinary medicine. www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/students/clw/career/mentor-network.cfm

Thanks to these efforts, 90 percent of our graduates are employed or entering advanced training (internships or residencies) at the time of graduation.

“We are deeply grateful for the generous support of our individual, alumni, association and corporate scholarship donors who invest in our students—the future leaders in veterinary medicine and science who will make the world a better place,” said Dean Michael Lairmore.

Join us by making an online donation: https://give.ucdavis.edu/Go/DVMscholarship

“I was ecstatic when I learned I was accepted at UC Davis, but also worried about how I would pay off all the money I would need to borrow to pay for veterinary school.”

– Catherine Deng, Class of 2019

“I want to make the most of every opportunity because of the scholarship that I was fortunate to receive. I feel like I have a partner going through school, helping me to achieve success.”

– Christian Munevar, Class of 2018