

First Steps:

A guide to explore veterinary educational opportunities abroad

At this point in time, you have probably heard about the international opportunities afforded to you through the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. Whether this was through emails, friends who have participated in international experiences previously, or through our Global Programs Day presentations, you might be thinking – where do I even begin? It may seem daunting at first, but this guide is here to help you get started.

Where to Begin?

Brainstorm

A good first step is to think about any current ideas you have related to international veterinary experiences. Is there a particular country you already have contacts in either through previous work or personal encounters? Or alternatively, is there a specific type of research you want to do with a specific professor, or type of clinical work you would like to pursue? It is good to have an idea of at least one of these things, but if you don't know, it's alright! There are a few ways you can generate ideas.

1. Do your homework!

General Info: The Office for Global Programs website has a wealth of information and will be referred to several times in this guide. Start to peruse it to learn more:

<https://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/global-programs>

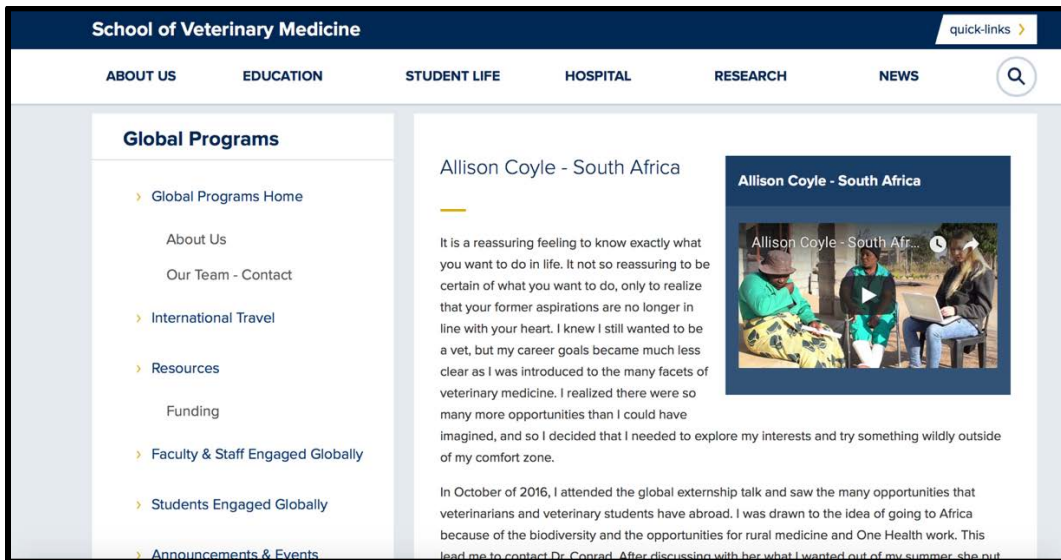
Faculty Engaged Globally: If you have an idea of your research interests, you can look at the faculty engagement page on the Office for Global Programs website. This will show you what faculty have projects or expertise in specific countries. You can then look at their info pages and get an idea of the work they do.

<https://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/global-programs/faculty-staff>

Previous Students: Look at videos of what previous students have done abroad and see if anything inspires you (example below)! Whether that be the country they visited, or the type of work they did. The 2018 videos and reports are posted here:

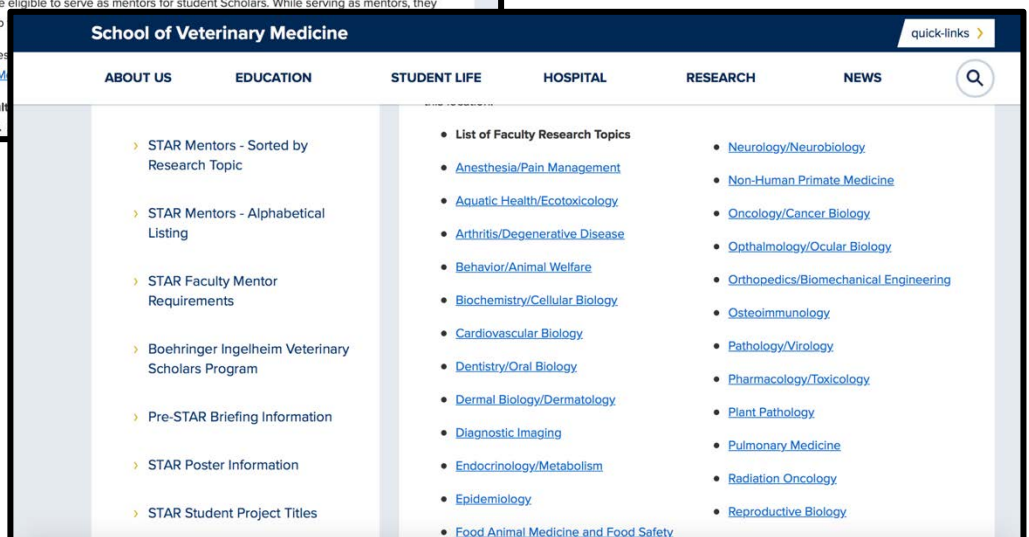
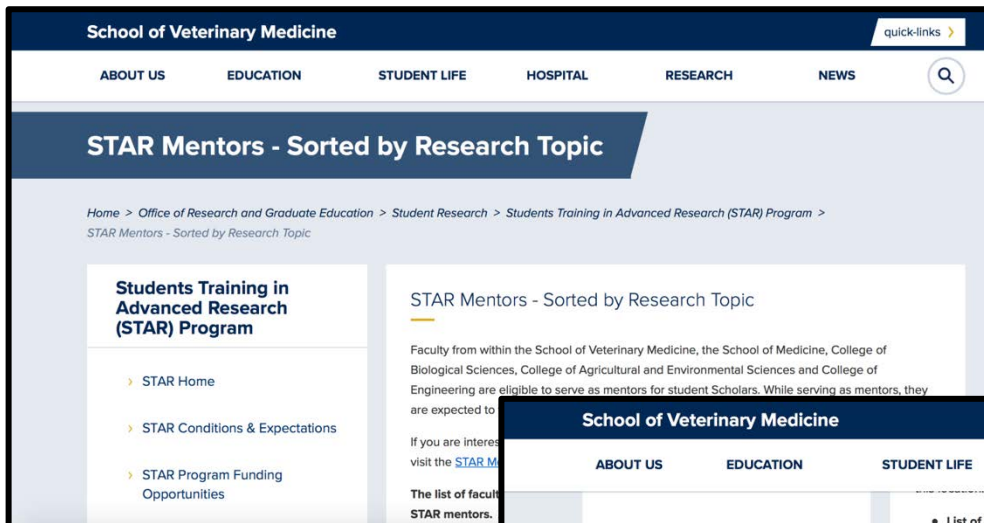
<https://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/global-programs/students>

(videos and reports for prior years are also available via a link at the bottom of the page)



STAR Mentors: Another good way to look for potential opportunities, especially if you think you may want to do research, is to look at the STAR Mentors webpage. Just click on a topic that interests you and a list of faculty with expertise in those fields will populate. Each faculty's overview lists their current research projects and some ideas for student projects.

<https://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/research/student-research/star/star-mentors-sorted-research-topic>



It is also a good website to find funding opportunities for summer research! See below

2. Talk to the Experts

Talking to some experts can be a helpful way to find out about some opportunities you may not have thought of – though we do recommend you try the steps above before doing so. Drs. Pat Conrad and Paulina Crook can help to point you in the right direction if you are struggling. To schedule an appointment, please contact the email address listed for each Dr. below:

Dr. Paulina Crook
pzcrook@ucdavis.edu

Dr. Pat Conrad
milbrodt@ucdavis.edu

3. Reach out!

Reach out to UC Davis or International mentors to get questions answered and start planning for your summer project abroad. Then keep an eye out for emails from the Office for Global Programs announcing when applications are available and corresponding deadlines for International Externship and Global Fellowship funding (and STAR if you are planning a research project abroad!).

Then What?

Funding

There are several funding opportunities for international summer experiences. These include:

- Office for Global Programs Funding <https://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/global-programs/resources/funding>
 - International Summer Externships
 - Global Feline Health Fellowship
 - Global Underserved Communities Fellowship
- Office of Research
 - STAR funding for research <https://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/research/student-research/star>

Please be aware that you can apply for **ALL** of the above funding opportunities. If you receive funding from both STAR (~\$6,000) and one of the Global Programs Fellowships (~\$6,000); you may only accept ONE of those funding sources. If you receive the Global Programs International Summer Externship funding (\$2,500), you may accept that funding in conjunction with either STAR or one of the Global Programs Fellowships for up to a total of ~\$8,500 in funding.

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