School Evaluation Requirements

School	Written Evaluations (References)			Additional Requirements/ Information
	Number	Type	From Whom	
Auburn University	3	Electronic	One from a Veterinarian, One from an Employer (who might be a 2nd Veterinarian), One from an Academician (major Professor or Advisor)	
University of Calgary (Canada)	2	Both Electronic and Written	An appropriate letter of recommendation is one written by an independent individual who can provide an assessment of your background and capabilities with respect to the VMS graduate program. Letters which are not written specifically in support of your application to the VMS graduate program are not acceptable. A reference from a non academic source should come from someone who has directly supervised you. Required reference form: http://vet.ucalgary.ca/system/files/VMS+REFERENCE+PACKAGE%2C+April+2010.doc	Additionally, you will need a letter from a prospective faculty member who is willing to supervise you, stating that they will work together with you to secure funding to the VMS minimum guidelines (not required by students applying for the Rotation Program until they complete the program).
University of California - Davis	3	Electronic	One or Two from Veterinarians with whom you have worked and who can evaluate your potential as a veterinary professional. Of these one should be from a veterinarian in your area of veterinary interest (small animal, large animal, equine, etc.) Other letters may be written by veterinarians, professors, college instructors, research supervisors, or your academic adviser.	ALL letters of recommendation (eLORs) must be submitted electronically through the VMCAS application process.
Colorado State	3	Electronic	CSU suggests that one should be from a Veterinarian, one should be from a professor, and one should be from an employer.	Three completed *electronic* Letters of Reference (e-LORs). If you submit more than three e-LORs to VMCAS, CSU will view only three by matching to the three names listed on the Colorado Supplemental Application. In fairness to all applicants, the Admission Committee will review no more than three evaluations. CSU accepts only VMCAS-submitted electronic LOR's.

Cornell University	3+	Electronic	From whom: Evaluations from animal / veterinary / biomedical research experiences listed on the Cornell Suppplemental Application (at least one letter from a veterinarian) and one academic evaluation. These evaluations can come through the VMCAS eLOR system. "Guidelines for Evaluators" can be found on cornell's website at: http://www.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/CAEvaluations. cfm	VMCAS will accept up to 6 evaluations (minimum of 3). Any evaluations you do not include with your VMCAS application beyond the 3 VMCAS requirements can be submitted through Cornell's electronic evaluation system. There is no need to duplicate evaluations sent through VMCAS.
University College Dublin (Ireland)	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	
University of Edinburgh (Scotland)	Not Specified	Both Electronic and Written	Appropriate people to provide your references would include your undergraduate tutor, director of studies or course organizer. If it is a while since you graduated, or if you are applying for certain types of professional programs, you should name one academic referee and one work-related referee, such as your line manager. Please copy and paste the link below for reference template: http://www.ed.ac.uk/polopoly_fs/1.9891!fileManager/ 2009%20reference%20template.pdf	
University of Florida	3	Electronic	Not Specified	
University of Georgia	3	Electronic	At least one evaluation should be from a veterinarian. Evaluations can also be made by a professor, advisor, employer, or anyone else who can give a fair assessment of your background and your potential for entering the veterinary profession.	
University of Glasgow (Scotland)	3	Not Specified	Academic and Veterinary	

University of Guelph (Canada)	3	Electronic and Written	At least two references must be from veterinarians with whom the applicant has obtained veterinary and/or animal experience. There is a strong preference for veterinarians from different clinics.	
University of Illinois - Urbana	3-5	Electronic	Letters should be written by individuals who can evaluate the applicant's experience and ability relating to professional and scientific study. One letter should be from a college instructor or academic adviser. One letter should be from a veterinarian familiar with the student's potential and motivation. The third letter may be from a second veterinarian or academician or from an individual who can objectively evaluate your potential and motivation. Letters from high school teachers or principals are discouraged, and letters from relatives or your family's close friends are not acceptable.	No more than 5 letters of recommendation will be accepted and no less than 3. Additional letters sent to the College of Veterinary Medicine are not distributed to members of the Admissions Advisory Committee and play no role in the evaluation process. All letters must be submitted with the VMCAS application.
Iowa State University	3-6	Electronic	The applicant is strongly encouraged to have at least one of these recommendations from a veterinarian. Other suggested evaluators include academic advisors or professors and employers. The evaluator should know the applicant well and be able to speak to their personal characteristics and attributes. It is preferred that the evaluator include comments or a letter with the form evaluation. A letter can be composed in the comments section of the VMCAS electronic letter of evaluation. Evaluators cannot be related to the applicant by blood or marriage.	Up to six letters of recommendation will be accepted if filed electronically through VMCAS. Iowa residents: The letters of recommendation must be submitted to VMCAS by September 1, 2011.
Kansas State University	3	Electronic	Evaluations must be from a veterinarian, your advisor or a professor, and from another person who is not related to you.	
Louisiana State University	Min. of 3	Electronic	At least one or two of the evaluations should be from veterinarians with whom you have worked and who can evaluate your potential as a veterinarian. It is highly advised that at least two of your eLORs be written by DVMs for whom you may have worked.	Letters of recommendation sent directly to the LSU SVM will NOT be accepted, and a maximum of six eLORs will be accepted by the LSU SVM. Committee letters are only considered as one letter of recommendation. ALL letters of recommendation (eLORs) must be submitted electronically through the VMCAS application process.

Massey University (New Zealand)	3	Electronic/ See note	Not Specified	There are no specific requirements as to who may submit your evaluations; however you must provide evidence of at least ten (10) days work experience in a veterinary clinic. Most VMCAS applicants meet this requirement through their VMCAS evaluation forms (aka eLOR's). If you do not believe that any of your eLOR's sufficiently covers this requirement you should submit a signed letter from a veterinarian (on their clinic letterhead) stating you have completed at least ten (10) days work experience at their clinic.
University of Melbourne (Australia)	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	
Michigan State University	3	Electronic	One letter must be from a veterinarian that you have worked with either as a volunteer or for pay. Letters of recommendation from a family member, written by a committee, or in the form of a hard copy will NOT be accepted.	
University of Minnesota	3	Electronic	It is highly recommended that at least one evaluator be a DVM. The other two evaluators should be from a professional or educational setting.	Additional evaluations will be reviewed.
Mississippi State University	3	Electronic	At least one of the evaluators must be a veterinarian.	Each applicant should submit three (only) completed Letters of Recommendation (eLORs). eLORs are to be submitted electronically to VMCAS, not to MSU-CVM. eLORs are due to be submitted by October 3.
University of Missouri	3	See note	You may name 4 external evaluators. A minimum of 3 evaluations must be received from the 4 possible to consider your application further. At least one must be from a veterinarian. **For non-Missouri residents - If among the references (external evaluators) submitted with your VMCAS application there was not at least one veterinarian, you must name a veterinarian to evaluate you (form is included in this application). At least one evaluation must be from a veterinarian. If you included a veterinarian in your VMCAS evaluators, you should not also include him/her in this application.	DO NOT request evaluators send recommendation letters. Evaluator Forms will be mailed directly from our office to your evaluators. Additional reference letters are neither necessary nor desired.

Universite de Montreal (Canada)	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	
Murdoch University (Australia)	Not Specified	Not Specified	See note	Though no specific evaluation is required, applicants are required to provide evidence, such as signed references, of veterinary related work experience, most importantly at veterinary practices. Other relevant animal work includes work at animal shelters, farms, with wildlife, and in research.
National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) (Mexico)	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	
North Carolina State University	3	Electronic	It is highly recommended that two recommendations (2) are submitted by veterinarians or PhD scientists with whom the applicant has worked in a veterinary or research setting. The letters must describe the nature of the work relationship. The third letter can be from an academic advisor, employment supervisor or other evaluator of the applicant's choosing who has some working knowledge of the applicant. Applicants should not ask relatives to submit letters on their behalf.	Three (3) recommendations are required using the VMCAS Electronic Evaluation system (eLOR). Each evaluator should include a written narrative that supports his or her overall evaluation of the applicant. Applicants must submit letters through the eLOR system. Although VMCAS allows a maximum of 5 submissions, NC State only requires 3 letters of recommendation and prefers to only receive 3 letters per applicant. Evaluations should support experiences listed and validate maturity, commitment and work ethic with specific examples. The admissions committee may contact references directly if further information or clarification is required. You will be asked to provide contact information on the NC State supplemental application for veterinarians with whom you have worked that did not provide an electronic evaluation to possibly verify work experience.
Ohio State University	3	Electronic	Two references must be from veterinarians.	
Oklahoma State University	3	Electronic	At least one reference must be from a licensed veterinarian. Other references can be from an academic source or an employer who can speak to your	If an applicant submits more than three e-LORs to VMCAS, OSU will only view three randomly selected references from the VMCAS application.

			potential for entering the veterinary profession.	
Oregon State University	3	Electronic	You should select recommenders who know you well enough to provide meaningful comments. At least one letter of recommendation must be from a veterinarian with whom you have had significant contact. Applications without at least one letter from a veterinarian will not be reviewed. If you are currently in a graduate program, include a letter from your major adviser.	We suggest that you request letters of recommendation at least 45 to 60 days prior to the application deadline.
University of Prince Edward Island (Canada)	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	
University of Pennsylvania	3	Electronic and Written	One recommendation must be from a science related academic source and one must be from a veterinarian. The third is of the applicant's choice but should not be from a family member.	
Purdue University	3	Electronic	One must be from a veterinarian; the second from an educator; and the third is the applicants choice but it should be someone who knows you.	
Ross University (St. Kitts)	2	Written	Two official letters of recommendation (written): One academic letter from a pre-veterinary professor acquainted with the applicant's academic ability or a recommendation from a college pre-health advisory committee; one from a veterinarian acquainted with the applicant's veterinary experience, if applicable. All letters must be on proper letterhead with contact information included, and send directly from the recommender to the Ross University Admissions office.	
Royal Veterinary College (England)	2	Electronic	Please note that at least one evaluation must be from a veterinary practice/practitioner, and at least one must be an academic evaluation.	

University of Saskatchewan - Western College of Veterinary Medicine (Canada)	3	Written	One must be a veterinarian.	Space is provided on the application form to nominate referees to support the application. One referee must be a veterinarian. Suggestions for appropriate referees are found on the application form.
St. George's University (Grenada)	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	
St. Matthews University (Cayman Islands)	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	
University of Sydney (Australia)	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	Though no specific evaluation is required, applicants are required to provide evidence, such as signed references, of veterinary related work experience, most importantly at veterinary practices or other relevant animal work as detailed in the Commitment to Veterinary Science Form.
University of Tennessee	5	Electronic	Individuals who have a good understanding of your academic abilities, your animal and veterinary experience, your understanding of the veterinary profession, and your personal qualities.	
Texas A&M University	3	Written	Not Specified	Veterinary applicants are required to submit three evaluations directly to TMDSAS. Each evaluation must be completed on the TAMU College of Veterinary Medicine Applicant Evaluation Form. You will complete the top portion of the form by hand and deliver it to your evaluators. Each evaluator must then fill out the TAMU CVM Applicant Evaluation Form, sign it and mail it to TMDSAS.

University	Number	Submission	Evaluator Requirements	Additional Notes
Tufts University	3	Not Specified	1. A pre-veterinary, pre-medical or pre-health professions committee, or from a dean, advisor or faculty member in your major or who taught a required pre-professional science course. 2. A faculty member in your major or who taught a required pre-professional science course. Applicants with graduate work should have an appropriate graduate school faculty member write this letter. 3. A veterinarian or research scientist with whom you have had considerable experience.	
Tuskegee University	3	Not Specified	2 must be from science professors, 1 must be from a veterinarian	
Utrecht University (Netherlands)	2	Not Specified	One must be from your current employer. Please note, an additional requirement is completion of at least one year of relevant working experience.	
Virginia - Maryland Regional College	3	Electronic	It is highly recommended that at least one evaluator be a veterinarian. The other two are the applicant's choice.	
Washington State University	3	Electronic	The best individuals for these evaluations are those who know the applicant well enough to provide meaningful comments. At least one evaluation must be from a veterinarian with whom the applicant has interacted fairly extensively. It is highly recommended that one should come from a person in academia who could speak to the student's academic ability, preferably one who has taught in the pre-professional curriculum. Other evaluations should come from individuals who can evaluate the oral and written communication skills as well as the scientific background of the applicant.	
Western University	3	Electronic	Evaluations should be solicited from people who know you well from extensive professional interactions, but who are not related to you. Examples of appropriate evaluators would include veterinarians or other employers, professors, teaching assistants, academic advisors, and mentors.	The letters of evaluation should state the nature and extent to which the reference knows you, and should elaborate on, among other things, your attributes and abilities in areas such as communication skills, ethics, interpersonal skills, motivation toward the profession, and maturity. Providing behavioral examples of your performance in these areas is encouraged.

| University of Wisconsin | 3 | Electronic | Letters from veterinarians are very highly recommended, letters from employers, faculty, and academic staff are also beneficial | |