

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

VETERINARY SCHOOL

The Glasgow Veterinary College was founded in 1862 and incorporated into the University of Glasgow in 1949. Initially Veterinary Medicine was part of the Faculty of Medicine, but in 1968 the independent Faculty of Veterinary Medicine was formed. Now set in the grounds of a beautiful wooded estate, the Glasgow University Veterinary School has grown to become one of the largest in the UK, with an enviable record in teaching and research. Founded by Papal Bull in 1451, Glasgow University is the fourth oldest university in Britain after Oxford, Cambridge and St. Andrews. Throughout its history the focus of the University has been on excellence in teaching and research.

GLASGOW – A GREAT EUROPEAN CITY!: The city of Glasgow has a population of around 74,000 and is Scotland's largest city. One of Europe's liveliest places with a varied and colourful cultural and social life, which can cater for every taste. Glasgow is only 30 minutes by car from the Scottish Highlands. Situated on the River Clyde, Glasgow has excellent road and rail links to the rest of the UK and air services to a wide range of destinations both home and overseas.

CURRICULUM: The degree course in Veterinary Medicine and Surgery consists of five years of study combined with practical experience. In addition, The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons requires all veterinary students to undertake extra-mural studies. This involves them spending at least 12 weeks of vacation time in first and second years gaining further experience of the management and handling of domestic animals. During third, fourth and final years, a combined total of 26 weeks vacation time must be spent in clinical extra-mural studies in veterinary practice, veterinary public health, veterinary research or other associated placements.

In the first and second years of the course the subjects studied are Anatomy, Physiology, Biomolecular Sciences and Animal Husbandry. During this pre-clinical period the anatomy of the normal healthy animal is related to function in the Physiology and Biomolecular Sciences courses.

During third year the student is introduced to the sick animal and studies Pathology, Bacteriology, Virology, Parasitology and Pharmacology. Basic clinical skills are also taught throughout the first three years in preparation for the more intensive clinical courses undertaken in fourth and final year. Glasgow Veterinary School has always taken great pride in its innovative teaching course, being the first in the UK to establish a totally clinical final year, and much importance is attached to both horizontal and vertical integration between different departments within the school.

Fourth year teaching comprises intensive lecture courses in Companion Animal Sciences, Farm Animal Diseases and Veterinary Public Health with associated practical sessions, which allow clinical cases to be examined and discussed in detail.

In final year there are no formal lectures and the emphasis is on small group teaching, during which time the students are involved in all aspects of our busy referral hospital. In addition students gain first hand experience of a busy small

animal clinic at the People's dispensary for Sick animals in Glasgow, and may spend two weeks as residents at a Veterinary Practice in Lanark. Glasgow Veterinary School is one of only four schools in Europe to have AVMA Approval. The importance of such accreditation means that students of Glasgow Vet School are able to practice in America without having to take the ECFVG foreign student examinations.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS: All applicants must apply through VMCAS. Completed applications are reviewed by our Admissions Committee. Interviews will normally take place in the US, in February/March.

SIZE OF ENTERING CLASS: 120

DEADLINE DATE: The VMCAS application must be postmarked no later than October 2nd.

CLASSES BEGIN: Late September

ADMISSIONS DEPOSIT: After an offer has been made, a deposit of £1,000 is required to hold a position in the class.

TUITION AND FEES: Fees for entry in 2010 are £20,000 per year, for each of the five years, but there are several payment options available. For further information, please contact Joyce Wason, Director of Admissions, J.Wason@vet.gla.ac.uk.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS: 45 places available each year for overseas students. The Admissions Requirements for US students is as follows: 3 years full time university – subjects must include Organic Chemistry, Biology, Maths and if possible a knowledge of physics. We ask for a cumulative average of around 70%, or a GPA of 3.2, and in addition applicants should have some Animal/Veterinary Work experience.

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