

## **SCHOOL OF VETERINARY AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES MURDOCH UNIVERSITY**

Murdoch University is in Western Australia, which is known for its brilliant blue skies, warm sunny climate and white sandy beaches. Murdoch University is situated 15 kilometres south of Perth, in easy reach of beaches, bushland, wineries, cafes, restaurants, pubs and thriving city nightlife. Veterinary students have access to state of the art facilities all on one campus, including a 24 hour emergency clinic, large and small animal practices, a well-stocked farm and an equine hospital. Veterinary students learn in a true practice atmosphere with the final component of their study lecture free and devoted entirely to clinical exposure, including time spent at Perth Zoo.

**CURRICULUM:** Students enter Veterinary Biology after a year of tertiary study, which will include some prerequisites. The first two and a half years of veterinary science encompasses both normal and abnormal aspects of vertebrate structure and function, comprising units which cover animal development, structure, function and metabolism, and the causes and nature of disease and its control. The final two and a half years are directed towards the acquisition of knowledge and skills required to diagnose, prevent and treat disease in animals and to optimise animal health and productivity. A Veterinary Professional Life stream is integrated throughout the course to assist students in their transition to future careers in veterinary science and provides a strong focus for developing professional skills within the veterinary profession. An Animal Systems stream will allow strengthening and integration of animal production, animal ethics, animal welfare, animal behaviour, biosecurity and veterinary public health throughout the veterinary program. Students will be required to gain practical experience by spending some of their vacation on farms and at clinics, as well as a week in the Murdoch University Small Animal Hospital and one week in the Murdoch University Equine Hospital.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** US and Canadian residents may apply to Murdoch University by either VMCAS and a supplemental application or direct application to Murdoch University. The forms for supplemental application and direct applications can be found on the Murdoch University website under "Murdoch International". Other international applicants may apply directly to Murdoch University.

**DEADLINE DATE:** VMCAS applications must be submitted online by October 1. Supporting documentation and supplemental application must be sent directly to Murdoch University no later than October 30<sup>th</sup>. Direct applications can be made at any time during the calendar year and applications will be assessed four times per year.

**CLASSES BEGIN:** February.

**TUITION FEES:** Tuition fees for 2009 are \$37,500 AUD. \$1,000 AUD is payable upon acceptance of offer, and will be subtracted from the first semester's fees.

**SUPPLEMENTAL PROCESSING FEES:** Nil.

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants can enter Veterinary Science after the completion of at least one year of tertiary study, which must include statistics and cell biology. Applicants must supply a Personal Statement of up to 500 words, a curriculum vitae and evidence of recent veterinary and related experience. The Personal Statement should demonstrate motivation and preparation for veterinary science study and address why you wish to become a Veterinarian and how your past study and experience to date will assist you to succeed in the veterinary course, and as a Veterinarian.

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