

AAVMC Position Statement on Global Veterinary Medical Education

The Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) recognizes that animal, human and ecosystem health are inextricably intertwined. The root cause of disease outbreaks, disruptions in food supply, and environmental disasters as well as the solutions to address them are rarely restricted to any single country. This reality requires a global response to prevent, detect and respond to these crises.

The AAVMC supports transdisciplinary and transboundary collaborations and the necessary and timely international movements of veterinary professionals and students. The AAVMC advocates for policies and procedures that facilitate the global mobilization of people and technology to promote knowledge transfer, share globally recognized best practices, and develop evidence-based standards to ensure health, wellbeing, and safety for animals, humans and our shared ecosystems.

The AAVMC includes member institutions throughout the world that meet the highest standard of veterinary medical education required through the accreditation process of the AVMA Council on Education (COE). The AAVMC also supports the accreditation systems of other national, regional and international agencies as part of a global effort to improve the quality of life for people and animals by advancing veterinary medical education.