COLLECTION, USE AND DISSEMINATION OF APPLICANT DATA

Policy

The American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) carefully treats all information collected from applicants through the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS). This policy prevents the release of confidential personal data without the permission of the applicant, permits the distribution of certain applicant data in limited situations, and facilitates the distribution of statistical data about applicants to veterinary medical colleges. This policy does not supersede any state, local, or university regulations.

Procedure

- We disclose information provided in veterinary medical school applications to those schools the applicant designates. We also provide information about offers of admission and admission status among those schools the applicant designates.
- Data submitted as part of an application to veterinary medical school is used to improve the quality of VMCAS products and services and support AAVMC approved research projects that help formulate policies in veterinary medical education.
- We support or conduct research projects only after an independent Institutional Review Board (IRB) has reviewed the research proposal and established that the rights of applicants are safeguarded. We may contact applicants directly or we may share applicants' contact information with AAVMC member institutions to invite applicants to participate in approved research projects.
- We publish and widely distribute information on veterinary medical school applicants in the form of anonymized aggregate statistics, such as information found on the AAVMC website and other AAVMC publications.
- We do not sell or otherwise release addresses, emails, phone numbers or other contact information about applicants to commercial vendors or researchers who are outside AAVMC or our member institutions.

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