

**UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW**  
**SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**ADMISSIONS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

All applicants for the veterinary degree course at the University of Glasgow (BVMS) must apply through UCAS (The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) by 6pm on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017 for entry in September 2018. Applications can be made on-line at [www.ucas.ac.uk](http://www.ucas.ac.uk) (UCAS course code D100). The telephone number for UCAS is 0871 4680468. There is intense competition for the limited number of places available and past experience has shown that students require a high academic standard to cope with the demands of the course.

**A' LEVELS: A\*AA including Chemistry, Biology and a third academic subject . Art, Drama, General Studies, Home Economics, Music or PE are not accepted as third subjects. English GCSE at Grade A or B is required.**

**HIGHERS: Applicants are not considered for entry to Veterinary Medicine from S5. Applicants are required to achieve AAAAB by the end of S5, including Chemistry (at Grade A) and Biology, and either Mathematics or Physics. (Applicants must have English at National 5 Grade B, SG Grade 2 or an Intermediate 2 Grade B.). Applicants who have achieved the S5 requirement will be required to achieve a minimum of two Advanced Highers (including Chemistry and Biology) in S6 at Grades BB.**

*All applicants should note that whilst Physics is not a requirement for entry, knowledge of this subject to GCSE, National 5 or Standard Grade, would be beneficial.*

All applications received from individuals who possess the minimum academic entrance requirements for the BVMS degree course will be considered by the School Admissions Committee, which is composed of the Associate Head of School for Learning and Teaching, the Director of Admissions, twenty members of academic staff and fifteen veterinary practitioners.

Evidence of self-motivation is essential and substantial experience with animals is also a requirement for admission to the course. This may include knowledge and experience gained working in a veterinary, agricultural, research and/or biomedical setting; should be of appropriate breadth and depth such that it gives the applicant an understanding of the veterinary profession and an appreciation of the part played by the profession in society. An understanding of the duties and responsibilities of a practitioner is **essential** before making veterinary medicine a career choice.

Candidates being seriously considered for admission to the School of Veterinary Medicine will normally be interviewed before a final decision is reached and prior to this will be asked to provide references (open and confidential) from their work experience. Interview panels consist of the Director of Admissions and the Admissions Team, Academic members of the Admissions Committee and veterinary practitioners. The selection panel will assess the applicant's level of maturity, motivation and ability to communicate. The School is unable to consider applications for deferred entry or from candidates who have deemed it necessary to re-sit any of their examinations in order to achieve the required grades for entry.



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**PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS**

**In addition to the academic standard detailed, evidence of motivation is required. It is essential that applicants to the Veterinary Course have a minimum of 6 weeks work experience with at least 2 weeks with a veterinary surgeon and have had hands on experience with farm animals.**

**We look for knowledge of the veterinary profession, and for experience of and contact with a variety of animals, e.g.**

- 1. Attendance with a veterinary surgeon(s) (companion animal and farm animal).  
Minimum of two weeks or occasional days/weekends over a substantial period.**
- 2. Experience of working on a dairy farm.**
- 3. Assisting on a sheep farm at lambing time.**
- 4. Experience working with horses, e.g. at riding stables.**
- 5. Experience of working in a boarding kennel or cattery.**
- 6. Visit to an abattoir (not essential).**
- 7. Any additional relevant experience, e.g. zoo, wildlife park or laboratory etc.**

**The broader this experience the more favourably will any application be viewed.**