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CAL POLY



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Cal Poly students who successfully complete three years of study on the BS Animal Science programme are eligible to apply to the four-year Graduate Entry Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery programme (BVM&S) offered by the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies.

Students on this pathway will complete most of the Cal Poly BS Animal Science degree requirements in 3 years. Certain required courses that would ordinarily be taken during their fourth year at Cal Poly will be fulfilled by the first year veterinary curriculum at the University of Edinburgh. Students on this pathway will acquire two degrees (BS + BVM&S) in a combined total of seven years.

To be eligible to apply, you must be at least in your second year of study at Cal Poly, achieving good grades in your science classes, and be on track to have an overall GPA of 3.4 or above (on a 4 point scale) at the end of your third year.

We also look for evidence of relevant animal handling experience.

Provided you meet these criteria, and subsequent to application, you will be invited to attend an interview in December - February. You will be informed about the outcome of your interview and overall application by the end of March.

If you are offered a place, it will be conditional upon the following:

- Achievement of an overall GPA of 3.4 or above (on a 4 point scale) at the end of your third year
- Passing all of the science modules which make up the first years of your programme
- Meeting our English language requirements (if applicable)
- Payment of a deposit of £1,500 which will be deducted from your first year's tuition fee (refundable in the event that you fail to meet any of the other above offer conditions)

When pursuing this pathway, you should regularly consult with your Cal Poly advisor to ensure that you continue to meet requirements for your Cal Poly BS Animal Science degree.

The University of Edinburgh reserves the right to make final judgement on the admissibility of each applicant.

Contact your  
Cal Poly advisor:

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# How to Apply



1. Complete a free online application form
2. Provide the following additional documents by email:
  - An up-to-date academic transcript from Cal Poly
  - A reference from a Cal Poly academic (can be submitted directly by the referee)
  - A summary of your educational background, including any English Language tests achieved to date (if applicable)
  - A personal statement of up to 500 words
3. Complete an online Work Experience Summary form

**Application Deadline - 15 November**

## Things to bear in mind...

### Work Experience

We do not request specific types of work experience or state days/weeks required, as it depends to some extent on the opportunities available to you. The broader your experience the better, but you should not gain experience to the detriment of your academic studies. You should, however, gain both veterinary practice and animal work experience.

### Non-Academic Achievements and Interests

Your personal statement and references give us an idea of your skills, achievements and motivation, which are important factors in assessing your application. This could feature:

- Social involvement
- School responsibilities
- Leadership
- Organisational abilities
- Interests and hobbies
- Cultural, sporting, musical, vocational and voluntary achievements



## 3+4 Route

Cal Poly BS Animal Science & University of  
Edinburgh Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine  
and Surgery

Successful completion  
of first three years of  
Animal Science at Cal Poly



Four years in Veterinary Medicine  
at the University of Edinburgh

