



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH
The Royal (Dick) School
of Veterinary Studies

A Parent's Guide to Studying Veterinary Medicine



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Welcome to the Edinburgh Vet Family



Choosing the right University is an important decision in any student's life. We understand that you want your son or daughter to make the right choice and while encouraging their new found independence, you also want to help them optimise their chances for success.

We recognise that many students turn to their parents for advice and support when making the life changing choice of which University to join. Therefore, we have prepared this guide to help you understand what your son or daughter will encounter when they are in their first foray away from home.

At Edinburgh we have a commitment to offering our students an outstanding higher educational experience; one which we believe provides an opportunity to shape their future beyond measure. We have

a responsibility to our students to provide the very best.

As a scholar, our students will be part of an academic community that encourages independent enquiry and thought. They will be studying and working alongside academics who are global experts in their field. To ease our students through this transitional phase, we have an outstanding, responsive support services team who work hard to ensure a smooth journey every step of the way.

As a future graduate, they can access a range of excellent careers and employability services. From dedicated careers support delivered at a local level, to a broad range of internship opportunities and masterclasses from alumni, we will equip and prepare them for a global employment market.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'David Argyle'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a large, thin, hand-drawn oval.

Professor David Argyle
Head of School

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Why Edinburgh?

The City of Edinburgh

Edinburgh is one of the most vibrant, cosmopolitan and safe cities in Europe and is regularly voted as one of the most desirable places to live in the world. With the castle perched on top of an extinct volcanic crag overlooking the city's Princes Street, Royal Mile and Arthur's Seat, Edinburgh offers a prospective student an amazing opportunity to experience an exceptional education in a multi-cultural and thriving environment. With the nightlife, countryside and festivals, Edinburgh is a big city with a small town feel, which has something for everyone.



The Easter Bush Campus

The Easter Bush Campus is one of the largest international facilities of its kind and is comprised of The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, The Roslin Institute, Jeanne Marchig International Centre for Animal Welfare Education and our large animal and small animal hospitals, which are home to our specialist Oncology and Imaging Centre.



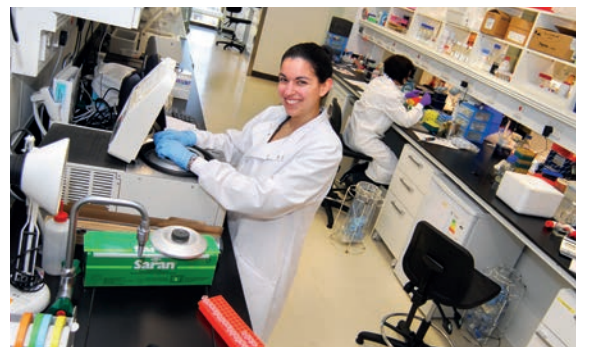
Over £100 million has been invested by The University of Edinburgh on the development of the Easter Bush Campus. This redevelopment includes the £42 million state-of-the-art teaching building which opened in 2011, along with a new research building for the world-renowned Roslin Institute.



Our new purpose-built facility has a number of innovative teaching areas, such as the Study Landscape and the Clinical Skills Lab, designed to enhance the quality of the learning experience and prepare our graduates for the challenges of the 21st century. Our commitment to campus investment continues, with construction underway for a new innovation and campus hub, a large animal clinical facility and a large animal research and imaging centre.

Reputation and Awards

The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies was founded in 1823 by William Dick and is internationally recognised as a leader in veterinary education, research and practice. The School is ranked as one of the top vet schools in the UK. Our research division is The Roslin Institute - it is a leading animal sciences research institute which won international recognition in 1996, when Ian Wilmut, Keith Campbell and their colleagues created Dolly the sheep, the first cloned mammal.



Veterinary Medicine at Edinburgh mixes the best of tradition with award winning, progressive teaching. Clinical and professional skills are taught from the earliest stages. Our approach is to ensure optimum integration of the core subjects throughout the curriculum. While many of our graduates enter and remain within the veterinary profession, many others find that training at Edinburgh enables them to succeed in a wide range of careers in research, government, private enterprise and academia.

The School is accredited by both the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE), allowing our graduates to practice veterinary medicine throughout the UK, Europe, North America, Australasia and beyond.

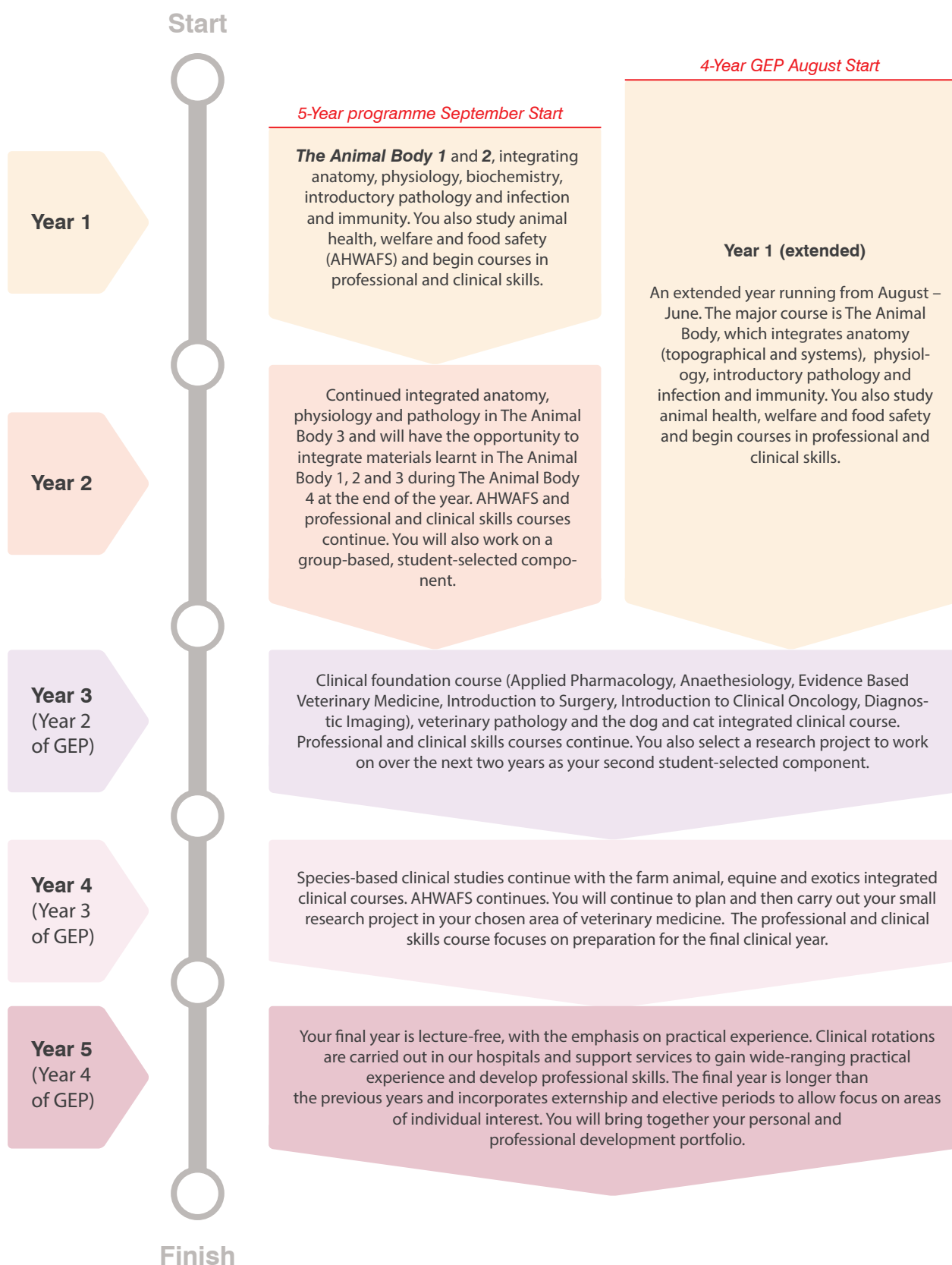
Programme Structure

The 5 Year BVM&S Programme

The five year, BVM&S programme prepares our students for entering many different aspects of the veterinary profession. The long-standing involvement of Edinburgh with veterinary education, where tradition is mixed with cutting-edge veterinary teaching, benefits from a close-knit collegial community of 'Dick Vet' students.

The 4 Year BVM&S Graduate Entry Programme

The Graduate Entry Programme (GEP) at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies is a four-year programme which allows graduates with a relevant first degree to attain a Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVM&S) degree and register as a veterinary surgeon.



Money Matters

Tuition Fees

The annual tuition fee for the Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVM&S) degree is approximately £28,450, fixed for the full duration of the course. All graduate and overseas candidates are considered on a full-fees basis only.

For up to date tuition fee information, refer to the following website:

www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/vet/studying/overseas-school-leavers/fees-funding/fees-graduates-overseas

Payment of Fees

At Edinburgh we recognise that students need flexibility when paying fees. We provide a range of payment options to suit everyone. The fee can either be paid in full, or spread over manageable instalments by Direct Debit.

For more information refer to the Payment Options website:

www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/finance/students/fees/payment-options

Scholarships

The University offers a number of scholarships for students who are nationals of countries outwith the EU.

Further details are available on the Scholarships and Student Funding Service website:

www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/student-funding/undergraduate/international/overview

Living Costs

We have estimated that students need approximately £200 per week for living costs, including room and board. In addition to these expenses, you will also need to consider initial, annual and miscellaneous costs (deposits, bedding, textbooks, insurance, travel, etc). The most up-to-date information on estimated living costs is available on the University website: www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/student-funding/undergraduate/cost-of-living

- Living costs in the UK are comparable to many major cities in the world.
- The International Office can offer advice about how to budget.
- Consider the cost of accommodation and daily living expenses as well as the cost of tuition fees.
- Planning a budget will depend on the type of accommodation selected and spending habits.
- Food costs will vary, but will account for a significant part of the budget.

Federal Loans

The University of Edinburgh is eligible to originate loans under the Direct Loan Program. Our School Code is G06839, which sometimes appears as 006839. You can also visit our website for more information:

www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/us-loans

For further information on US Loans or if your child wishes to be considered for a loan, they should contact staff within Student Funding Services. Email them at: financial.aid@ed.ac.uk

Or visit our website:

www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/international-office

www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/international-office/immigration/home

Or alternatively email the immigration team at the University: immigration@ed.ac.uk

Bank Accounts

It is very useful to open a bank account once students arrive in Edinburgh, but this process is not normally available prior to arrival in Edinburgh, unless the bank branch at home has a relationship with a UK bank. Normally they can only start this process once they have moved into their accommodation. To assist them in opening an account, by providing proof of their accommodation in Edinburgh, the University can provide you with a Bank Introduction letter.

Bank letter for students in University accommodation

If they are staying in University accommodation, then once they have fully checked into their University accommodation they can download and print a copy of the letter from MyEd. They need to look on MyEd for the 'Print Bank Letter' facility. Once they have a copy of the letter they can take it to one of the bank branches listed in the letter with the additional documentation requested. Only certain banks and branches have agreed to accept this letter, so they must open the account at one of these branches.

If they are in private accommodation then they will need to apply online for a bank introduction letter.

For more information please visit the website: www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/finance/banking

Accommodation: Guaranteed

Coming to the University may be your son or daughter's first experience of living away from home, all of our first year students are guaranteed a place in a hall of residence. Our student accommodation allows students to be independent in safe, secure and sociable surroundings. Our student accommodation is located in the city centre, which allows our students to experience living in the city and make friends outside of their subject area. Transport links to Easter Bush campus are excellent and the bus pass expenses are subsidised.

We understand that it is difficult for students to arrange accommodation in a city before they have moved there and so we offer a range of accommodation depending on the programme which you have chosen.

Graduate Entry Programme (August Start)

As the GEP has an earlier start date to the rest of the University, accommodation has been allocated specifically for students commencing the GEP in August. Self-catered accommodation is available with shared kitchen facilities in each flat - East Newington Place. This is located approximately 10 minutes walk from central University facilities at a cost of £14.48 per night. Applications should be made for accommodation from February. More information can be found on the accommodation website:

www.accom.ed.ac.uk/property-details/15/east-newington-place-east-newington-place-edinburgh/

5 Year BVM&S Programme (September Start)

The University has a range of accommodation which is available, both catered and self catered depending on what your child would prefer. You are also free to arrange accommodation separately from the University if you choose.

Is University accommodation the best option?

- Only £250 deposit required
- Contents Insurance included in the rent
- Data and telephony services included in the rent in the majority of flats
- Support network is available to you, at all times
- A wide choice of ensuite rooms and studios, so you can share with your friends or live independently
- No hidden extras or upfront charges
- No charge for carrying out any credit checks
- Parents do not need to act as a guarantor and we will not ask for any references

To find out more about catered accommodation visit the Edinburgh University Accommodation Service website:

www.accom.ed.ac.uk/accommodation/catered-accommodation-at-pollock-halls/

Or for more information on our self catering choices visit:

www.accom.ed.ac.uk/accommodation/self-catered-flats-and-residences/

Private Accommodation

Some of our students prefer to find their own accommodation and we do our best to help them find the ideal place for them. Edinburgh has a large student population and lots of rented accommodation on offer and there are a few things to consider when looking for a suitable place:

- Location - does it have easy access to the bus routes that service the Easter Bush Campus?
- Costs – Private rent varies but will be around £350 per month for a shared house, plus utility bills.
- Is shared or solo accommodation most suitable?
- Consider visiting Edinburgh before moving here to be sure it is the right place and area to live in.

There are some websites which many students find useful*.

- www.edinburghstudentpad.co.uk
- www.alltheagents.co.uk/find-agents/edinburgh/
- www.espc.com
- www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/adviceplace/accommodation/

*These are not University websites and we cannot vouch for anything you may find on them.



Student Support and Services

Student Support

Going to University can be a daunting experience, especially if moving overseas and away from friends and family. The School recognises this and provides strong student support services and also builds and fosters a community between the students and the staff.

We have a dedicated Student Support Officer on campus, who is available to our students for any support issue and can offer help, guidance and someone to listen when needed.

Our staff and students are sorted into ten Houses, named after the Pentland Hills. Each House meets on a regular basis to discuss issues, offer support and organise events. This enables students to receive support and advice from students in different years and to open the student body up to friendships being formed across the year groups.

The School also hosts a number of events throughout the year where students and staff come together to celebrate. These range from the annual Pre-Burns Night Event to the Halloween Event. These events are just one of the many ways the School includes all of its students and makes them feel more like a family.



To help our students succeed, we also have a study skills team who offer dedicated advice and run workshops throughout the year. Often students will find that a small change will make a big difference.

Students also have access to the full range of support services from the University of Edinburgh.

More information on all our support services can be found on our website:
www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/vet/studying/bachelor-vet-medicine/student-support/

Health Care

An International Student is entitled to health care on the Scottish National Health Service from the day they arrive, until up to one month after their course completes. A lot of basic healthcare in Scotland is free but some treatments, such as dental work, will have a fee.

Once students have arrived, it is important to find a family doctor (General Practitioner or GP) as soon as possible. Once they have found a GP, they should contact the doctor's practice to make an appointment to register as an NHS patient.

The University Health Centre provides comprehensive medical care for those who wish to register as patients of the practice, and who live within the practice area. The practice is located at the Richard Verney Health Centre at 6 Bristo Square. For more information: www.health-service.ed.ac.uk. They are, however, able to register at any practice accepting NHS patients. Please contact the practice for information.

Immigration

A Tier 4 Student Visa is required to enter the UK to study at the University of Edinburgh. Students are issued with a Confirmation Of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) once they have met the conditions of the offer, they can then apply for a VISA. They can apply 3 months prior to the start date of the course. They should apply for a VISA as soon as they receive the CAS because it's a busy time of the year at UK Border Agency. VISAs cost around £310.

Paid work - Veterinary Medicine is a very demanding programme but some students do work at the same time. The Tier 4 VISA will allow students to work up to 20 hours per week.

IMPORTANT

Dublin Route - Dublin, Ireland, is not part of the UK but is a part of the European Union. The Irish Republic has a "common travel agreement" with the UK which means that there is no immigration presence at Edinburgh to check that the VISA is in order.

DO NOT MAKE FIRST ENTRY TO THE UK VIA DUBLIN.

Travel to Easter Bush

The Easter Bush Campus is located seven miles to the south of the centre of Edinburgh. Students can apply for a subsidised bus pass to help offset the cost of travel. The main methods that students use to come to the campus are:

- Bus - Lothian buses runs regular services several times an hour with routes 15, 67, 37 and 47.
- Bike - we have a secure bike shed, showers and changing facilities and the University supports a number of schemes to help people cycle to and from the campus.
- Car - some students choose to drive and are able to apply for a free student car park pass.

What Happens Next?

- Student Mentor – they will be allocated a student mentor in March.
- Payment of Deposit - £1,500 by May 1st.
- Please note that if their offer includes "recommend" or "advise" to gain additional work experience, this is not a condition of the offer but simply a recommendation in order to prepare them fully for starting the BVM&S programme.
- If they hold a conditional offer based on results in other examinations they must send official transcripts or certified copies by mail or email, as soon as the results become available.



Once they have accepted and met the conditions of their offer:

- CAS – Receive a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies letter. They can apply 3 months prior to starting the course.
- EEEVEC – Edinburgh Electronic Veterinary Curriculum. They will be given access once they have a firm place with us, there are discussion boards for all Veterinary students at Edinburgh and other resources that they will find useful.
- Joining Instructions: Available via our joining web pages. Details will be sent in early June.

Useful Contacts

BVM&S Admissions Team

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Midlothian, EH25 9RG

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Email: vetug@ed.ac.uk
Web: www.ed.ac.uk/vet

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Professor David Argyle

Directors

Veterinary Teaching

Professor Susan Rhind

Veterinary Admissions

Dr Sally Argyle

Student Affairs

Dr Geoff Pearson

Research and Graduate Studies

Dr Bernadette Dutia

Other Contacts

Accommodation Services

+44 (0)131 651 2042
accom.allocations@ed.ac.uk
www.accom.ed.ac.uk

Edinburgh University Students' Association (EUSA)

+44 (0)131 650 2656
advice@eusa.ed.ac.uk
www.eusa.ed.ac.uk
www.twitter.com/EUSA

International Office

+44 (0)131 650 4296
enquiries.international@ed.ac.uk
www.ed.ac.uk/international-office

Scholarships and Bursaries – Scholarships and Student Funding Services

+44 (0)131 651 4070
scholarships@ed.ac.uk
www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding
www.twitter.com/UoEStudentFunds

Student Disability Service

+44 (0)131 650 6828
disability.service@ed.ac.uk
www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/student-disability-service

Student Fees and Funding – Scholarships and Student Funding Services

+44 (0)131 650 2230
fees@ed.ac.uk
www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/fees

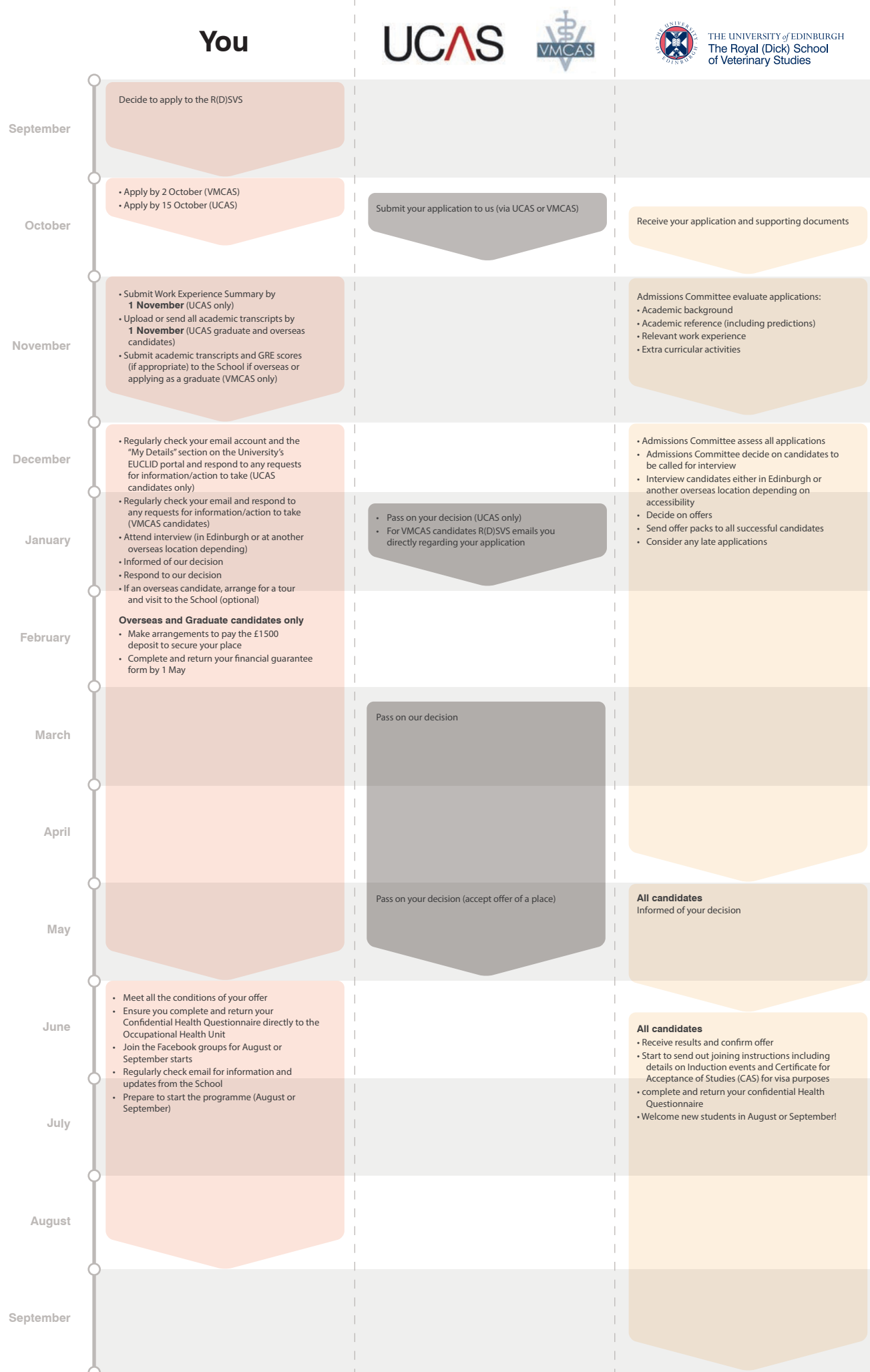
Student Recruitment and Admissions (SRA)

+44 (0)131 650 4360
sra.enquiries@ed.ac.uk
www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/student-recruitment
www.twitter.com/ApplyEdinburgh

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+44 (0)871 4680468
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Admissions Process





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