

The University of Edinburgh

The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies

Professional Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine (DVetMed) (“Residency”) in Equine Medicine

Further Particulars

The University of Edinburgh (<http://www.ed.ac.uk>)

For more than four centuries, our people and their achievements have rewritten history time and again. They've explored space, revolutionised surgery, published era-defining books, paved the way for life-saving medical breakthroughs and introduced to the world many inventions, discoveries and ideas from penicillin to Dolly the sheep. We have believed that anything is possible, we still do.

The latest Research Excellence Framework highlighted our place at the forefront of international research. This adds to our international reputation for the quality of our teaching and our student experience excellence.

The University is proud of its success with online teaching initiatives, with 2550 students currently studying its online distance learning postgraduate programmes, and a total to date of 2 million enrolments for Edinburgh MOOCs.

You will be part of one of the world's leading universities, with 20 Schools spread over three Colleges that offer more than 1600 undergraduate and 600 postgraduate programmes to over 41,000 students each year. Professional services are critical to this success as well as our world-class teaching, research and student facilities. In fact, we are one of the top employers in Edinburgh, with over 14,500 people spread across a wide range of academic and supporting roles.

As a world-changing, world-leading university we offer an exciting, positive, creative, challenging and rewarding place to work. We give you support, nurture your talent, develop and reward success and integrate academic, professional and personal career goals, as well as give your career the benefit of a great and distinguished reputation.

The University of Edinburgh holds a Silver Athena SWAN award in recognition of our commitment to advance gender equality in higher education. We are members of the Race Equality Charter and we are also Stonewall Scotland Diversity Champions, actively promoting LGBT equality. The University has a range of initiatives to support a family friendly working environment, including flexible working and childcare vouchers. See our University Initiatives website for further information.

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/equality-diversity/help-advice/family-friendly>

The College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine (<http://www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine>)

The College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine traces its origins back nearly 500 years (Darwin, Simpson and Conan-Doyle were students here) and is internationally renowned for its research and teaching. The College employs over 2300 academic and support staff and has two Schools; the Edinburgh Medical School comprising three Deaneries; Biomedical Sciences;

Molecular, Genetic and Population Health Sciences and Clinical Sciences and the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies.

[The Royal \(Dick\) School of Veterinary Studies](#)

[Edinburgh Medical School: Biomedical Sciences](#)

[Edinburgh Medical School: Biomedical Sciences, Biomedical Teaching Organisation](#)

[Edinburgh Medical School: Molecular, Genetic and Population Health Sciences](#)

[Edinburgh Medical School: Clinical Sciences](#)

The undergraduate medicine teaching programme in the College enjoys a high reputation nationally and internationally, with over 1,300 students enrolled on the MBChB and Intercalated courses and nearly 1000 on the Veterinary Sciences BVM&S and related programmes. In addition, approximately 2000 students are currently enrolled in the College's taught and research post-graduate courses, including an extensive range of online distance learning diplomas and degrees. They are trained by over 1000 outstanding academic staff. Details of PhDs, research programmes and studentships are available through our interdisciplinary research institutes and centres (<http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/medicine-vet-medicine/research/institutes/centres>).

The academic disciplines within Medicine are largely concentrated in the two teaching hospital campuses, the Royal Infirmary at Little France and the Western General Hospital. Both have extensive new infrastructure with major research institutes and state of the art research facilities on clinical sites. Edinburgh hosts a number of prestigious MRC and BHF Research Centres. The approach is interdisciplinary, with basic and clinical researchers working together at the laboratory bench and in our clinical research facilities to address major themes in basic, clinical and translational medicine.

The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies on the Easter Bush campus houses outstanding teaching and clinical facilities as well as the splendid Roslin Institute, one of the world's leading veterinary research centres. The College offers outstanding opportunities to address 'One Health' and Global Health problems of the highest international priority.

Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021

The College's reputation as one of the world's leading centres of medical and veterinary medical research has been reaffirmed by its UK REF 2021 results. Veterinary Medicine came 1st in the UK, and retained its position as the UK's top Vet School. 100 % of its joint submission with Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) was assessed as being 4 star or 3-star, world-leading and internationally-excellent, in terms of the impact of its work on wider society. 77 % of its combined research outputs was assessed as of the highest quality, 4 star or 3 star. 100 % of its research environment was classified as world-leading and internationally excellent. Neuroscience maintained its 3rd placed ranking in the UK. In terms of 'one medicine' research (human and animal medicine), the University of Edinburgh's research power (quality x volume) is the strongest in the UK.

The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies (R(D)SVS) (<http://www.vet.ed.ac.uk>)

The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, headed by Professor Lisa Boden, has an international reputation for its research, teaching and clinical services. It occupies a £45 million veterinary teaching building, next to the existing prestigious small and large animal hospitals at the Easter Bush Campus, completed in 2011, and designed to support top class veterinary

education in the 21st century. The hospitals include a major new veterinary oncology, imaging centre and equine diagnostic surgical and critical care unit.

The School is consistently highly ranked by The Times Higher and the Guardian newspaper. The School is accredited by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE) and the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and participates in the Veterinary Medical Colleges Admissions Service (VMCAS).

The School is a global education provider and has nearly 1000 undergraduate, postgraduate and research students from a number of different countries. We provide world-class education to improve the health of animals and human beings alike and are leaders in veterinary education, research, and clinical practice, at both undergraduate and postgraduate level.

The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies holds a Silver Athena SWAN award in recognition of our commitment to advance the representation of women in science, mathematics, engineering and technology.

In April 2008 the Easter Bush Research Consortium (EBRC) was formed which brings together the science of The Roslin Institute, the R(D)SVS, Scotland's Rural College and the Moredun Research Institute. The partnerships within the EBRC, and integration with clinical practice and education in the R(D)SVS, provide major opportunities for application and exploitation of the research of the consortium partners. Together, the EBRC forms one of the largest groups focussed on the biology of companion and production animals in the world. It undertakes basic and translational science to tackle pressing issues in animal genetics and genomics, development, health and welfare and their implications for human health.

The School has recently established a new Global Academy of Agriculture and Food Security with £35M funding from the University. Its vision is to enhance sustainable development in global agriculture and rural land-based and aquatic economies. This will involve interdisciplinary teaching programmes intended to bridge theory, policy and practice, as well as basic and applied research that complements that of The Roslin Institute. It is forming partnerships across academia, commerce, government, civil society and local communities to form equitable relationships to improve food security.

The Roslin Institute (<http://www.roslin.ed.ac.uk>)

The internationally renowned Roslin Institute is incorporated and co-located with Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies on the Easter Bush campus. The University of Edinburgh and the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) together funded a £60 million state of the art building for The Roslin Institute, occupied in March 2011. The Roslin Institute's mission is to gain a fundamental understanding of genetic, cellular, organ and systems bioscience underpinning common mechanisms of animal development and pathology, and to drive this into prevention and treatment of important veterinary diseases and develop sustainable farm animal production systems.

The Roslin Institute holds a Gold Athena SWAN award in recognition of their commitment to advancing the representation of women in science, mathematics, engineering and technology.

The Roslin Institute is strategically supported by the BBSRC; funded by Institute Strategic Programme Grants and National Capability Grants. The Institute aims to enhance the lives of animals and humans through world-class research in animal biology. The principal objectives are to:

- Enhance animal health and welfare through knowledge of genetic factors affecting resistance to disease.
- Enhance sustainability and productivity of livestock systems and food supply chains through understanding of reproductive and developmental biology.
- Enhance food safety by understanding interactions between disease causing organisms and animals.
- Enhance human health through an understanding of basic mechanisms of health and disease and comparative biology of animal species.
- Identification of new and emerging zoonoses and understand how pathogens might cross from animals to humans.
- Enhance quality of life for animals by studying the mechanisms and behaviours associated with optimising their environment and life experiences.

The Roslin Institute provides holistic solutions to global challenges in human and veterinary medicine, the livestock industry and food security. The results of the Institute's research are important in many ways.

The Roslin Institute aims to improve animal health and welfare with a view to benefiting the environment, developing countries, farmers and the public. Their research goals are to conserve genetic diversity, control animal diseases, develop new diagnostics and therapeutics for animals and humans and improve food quality and safety. The increase in global demand for livestock products as the world's population increases and becomes more affluent means new methods of production that ensure long-term sustainability must be developed.

The research of The Roslin Institute involves work in animals, in cells and tissues, and in computer modelling and simulations. Research is conducted at the highest standards of animal care and welfare.

The Roslin Institute has a large number of collaborations within Edinburgh; both with the University and with other local research organisations and our scientists collaborate widely on the international stage.

Equine Clinical Services

Equine Clinical Services comprises the Dick Vet Equine Hospital and Practice. The Dick Vet Equine Hospital has a well-balanced caseload of approximately 2300 referred consultations annually to the three dedicated services of medicine, surgery and dentistry, and has an international reputation for clinical veterinary medicine and research. Referrals come from all over Scotland, the north of England and sometimes further afield. Increasingly, patients are referred for investigations involving advanced diagnostic imaging and diagnosis is aided by ready access to clinical pathology facilities within our on-site Veterinary Pathology Unit. In 2018, a state of the art equine diagnostic surgical and critical care unit was opened which includes dedicated triage areas with advanced diagnostic imaging and, two state-of-the-art surgical theatres with adjacent critical care facility. The Dick Vet Equine Practice (DVEP) currently attends over 5000 equine cases annually, providing first opinion ambulatory services to local horse owners, mostly based in Midlothian, and parts of West and East Lothian. The practice has a team of 6 vets and is closely associated with the Equine Hospital, which is situated at the same location. DVEP provides both didactic and practical teaching for BVM&S students, who routinely accompany vets on calls during their final year. Furthermore, the Equine Service carries out emergency veterinary duties at equestrian events. Equine clinical services support teaching and research through income generation and supply of clinical material; it has an annual turnover of around £1.9 million.

Description of DVetMed Residency

This is a four-year programme leading to the Professional Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine (DVetMed) and the credentials to allow the successful candidate to be eligible to sit the examination for the Diploma of the European College of Equine Internal Medicine.

Year	Course Name	Compulsory or Elective	Credits (180/year)
One	Specialist clinical skills 1	Compulsory	90
	Veterinary academic practice 1	Compulsory	10
	Research proposal	Compulsory	50
	Research methods and study design	Compulsory	10
	Veterinary Ethics or Ethics for Veterinary Clinicians and Researchers (before end of Year 4)	Compulsory	10
	Related discipline training	Elective	10-20
	Online MSc level courses	Elective	10-20
Two	Specialist clinical skills 2	Compulsory	90
	Veterinary academic practice 2	Compulsory	10
	Research project part 1	Compulsory	50
	Veterinary Ethics or Ethics for Veterinary Clinicians and Researchers (before end of Year 4)	Compulsory	10
	Related discipline training	Elective	10-30
	Online MSc level courses	Elective	10-30
Three	Specialist clinical skills 3	Compulsory	90
	Veterinary academic practice 3	Compulsory	10
	Research project part 2	Compulsory	50
	Veterinary Ethics or Ethics for Veterinary Clinicians and Researchers (before end of Year 4)	Compulsory	10
	Case reports (Year 3 or Year 4)	Compulsory	30
	Related discipline training	Elective	10-30
	Online MSc level courses	Elective	10-30
Four	Specialist clinical skills 4	Compulsory	70
	Veterinary academic practice 4	Compulsory	10
	Research project part 3	Compulsory	70
	Veterinary Ethics or Ethics for Veterinary Clinicians and Researchers (before end of Year 4)	Compulsory	10
	Case reports (if not taken in Year 3)	Compulsory	30
	Related discipline training	Elective	10-30
	Online MSc level courses	Elective	10-30

Programme

i) **Training in chosen field;** The resident will receive extensive structured clinical training at the Dick Vet Equine Hospital (DVEH), an environment which focuses on high quality clinical work, clinical research and academic excellence. He/she will join the structured Equine Residency Programme which has successfully trained numerous residents in previous years. The resident will specialise in equine internal medicine. The clinical supervisor (Prof John Keen DipECEIM)

and 3 co-supervisors (Prof Scott Pirie DipECEIM, Prof Bruce McGroum DipECEIM & Dr Nick Parkinson DACVIM) are all equine internal medicine Diplomates, with 3 having acted also as past Chairs of the ECEIM Examination Committee. They have a proven track record of training residents to meet ECEIM Diploma requirements. The strength of equine medicine expertise at the DVEH is evidenced by the 3 de-facto ECEIM Diplomates and 8 ECEIM Diplomates by examination who received training at DVEH. The resident will also receive training at DVEH from specialists in medicine-related specialities including ophthalmology, neurology, pathology, dentistry, anaesthesia, imaging, behaviour and dermatology.

The resident will be exposed to a broad range of equine cases, to ensure a balance of rigorous training in internal medicine, while gaining a high level of competence in all aspects of equine clinical work. The programme will meet ECEIM training requirements for hands-on equine medicine clinical training (≥ 93 weeks total) and related discipline training (≥ 13 weeks, including 2 weeks each in clinical pathology, gross pathology and anaesthesiology, 4 weeks in diagnostic imaging and 3 weeks in critical care/neonatology). The number (300pa) and diversity of referred medical cases at DVEH has enabled all previous residents to easily complete ECEIM case log requirements. Provisional arrangements have been made to complement this caseload with externships in; i) neonatology/critical care, ii) TB pathology, and iii) TB racehorse medicine. Diplomate-level supervision in dentistry, soft tissue surgery and orthopaedics (likely 4 weeks pa) will provide a high level of competence in all aspects of equine clinical work, including emergency work.

The residency will overlap with our current resident in Equine Internal Medicine, allowing the resident to gain valuable training from the later stage resident. After suitable orientation, the resident will share a (likely) 1:6 rota to cover out-of-hours emergency admissions and in-patient care, with back-up from senior supervisors. Residents thus become proficient with diagnosis, treatment and aftercare of all emergency patients. Exposure to many varied and interesting cases and rigorous clinical training in many facets of equine medicine and surgery ensures that the resident, as well as gaining proficiency in their specialty, also gains a well-founded, broad knowledge of high-quality equine clinical work. The resident will assume increasing case responsibility throughout the programme, taking full case responsibility, with a senior clinician being constantly available for back-up, in Year 4.

The *approximate* overall breakdown of activities will provide adequate time away from clinics for other activities; internal medicine clinics (104 weeks), related discipline clinics (13 weeks), additional externships (6 weeks), research project and research publications (48 weeks), conferences and summer school (6 weeks), examination preparation (4 weeks), DVetMed study and academic pursuits (11 weeks) and holidays (16 weeks).

ii) **Higher qualifications;** The goals include (a) completion of a DVetMed, (b) publication of at least two peer reviewed papers, and (c) attaining DipECEIM status. All of our residents now complete the DVetMed programme which provides a 4-year structured programme of advanced clinical and research training in a chosen specialty under the guidance and supervision of RCVS and European/ American specialists. The programme aims to consolidate and enhance evidence based-knowledge, skills, and attitudes to enable independent practice to the standard of a recognised specialist in the chosen discipline. This is achieved through completion of a 4-year, part-time research project (equivalent to an MSc by Research), selected specialty-specific on-line modules, advanced clinical skills training and assessment, veterinary clinical and research ethics, and research methods & study design. An overview of the programme can be found at;

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/degrees/index.php?r=site/view&edition=2022&id=950.

Detailed course structure is available at <http://www.drps.ed.ac.uk/24-25/dpt/ptdvmvetmd1f.htm>.

The DVetMed includes annual assessment of the resident's clinical skills to confirm the efficacy of the specialist skills clinical training component. The resident is likely to be eligible to sit the ECEIM General Examination by the end of Year 2 and the ECEIM Certifying Paper at the end of Years 3 or 4, provided credentials are completed. We expect these goals to be achieved given the success of our previous residents; indeed, all the supervisors' previous 11 equine residents obtained MScR/MPhil and all that have sat have attained DipECEIM by examination (one other was employed by VMD and did not sit the exam). All previous medicine residents exceeded ECEIM requirements for peer reviewed publications and presentations.

iii) **Case exposure:** All previous equine medicine residents easily met the ECEIM case requirements within the residency. The hospital has a well-balanced caseload exceeding 2300 referred consultations and 300 medical consultations annually for the last 3 years. There is access to additional cases through the Scottish Farriery Training Centre at DVEH, 10 teaching ponies and our students' herd of Exmoor trekking ponies. Additionally, the Dick Vet Equine Practice clinicians attend around 5000 cases annually providing a valuable resource of first opinion level cases. We perform veterinary work at Musselburgh Racecourse and other Scottish equestrian events. All residents gain experience of racecourse work when assisting senior clinicians at the racetrack. Externships are provided to complement case exposure in specific areas.

iv) **Clinical research project;** The pre-planned research project will contribute to the DVetMed (equivalent to an MScR). The resident will present study data at in-house (including annual Roslin Research Emphasis Days), national and international meetings (e.g. BEVA, ECEIM & AVCIM). Many of our previous residents were awarded prizes for presentations.

v) **Research training;** Acquisition of generic research (including grant writing and ethics) and transferable skills is a key part of the taught DVetMed syllabus. The resident will also receive project-specific training in relevant research techniques which can be applied to a wide range of future equine studies, from the overall project supervisor, Professor John Keen. Training in statistics will be provided in the DVetMed taught programme, in our annual in-house postgraduate training programme, and in ECEIM 'summer schools'. The resident will be registered as a full-time postgraduate student of the University of Edinburgh to provide all the benefits of studentship. Personal development courses offered to postgraduate students by the University's Institute for Academic Development are found at www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/institute-academic-development. Each resident is appointed a unique Progress Committee (PC), whose collective responsibility is to offer mentorship, pastoral support and career advice, regularly monitor progress, and ensure provision of resources. Each PC comprises 3-5 people including an experienced Chairperson, a Principal Supervisor(s), and one or more Assistant Supervisor(s). PC meetings occur at 10-12 weeks, 9-10 months and yearly until graduation. A written report of each meeting is submitted to the resident Committee which sits within the School Postgraduate Studies Committee. An ombudsman is available in the unlikely event that the resident encounters problems that are not resolved by the PC and supervisors. The success of our Equine Resident Programme is evidenced by their excellent record achieving clinical qualifications, research degrees and numerous publications.

vi) **Experience of Teaching;** Acquisition of teaching skills is an important facet of the programme, regardless of whether the resident enters equine practice or academia. The resident will attend the compulsory in-house course for clinical teachers. When on clinics, the resident will participate in small group case-based teaching with 5th year students, under guidance from senior staff. The resident will give tutorials and small group practical teaching to years 2-4 students, usually weekly. In Year 2 the resident will give a student didactic lecture. The resident will give presentations at hospital clinical meetings, journal clubs, Vet School

research conferences and at our CPD courses, including the bi-annual CPD practical and lecture programme given to our referring vets.

vii) **Publications;** We expect the resident to publish a *minimum* of 2 peer referred papers, likely comprising 1 research-based and 1 clinical/review paper. Given the publication record of our previous residents, we are confident this target will be exceeded.

viii) **Case discussions/journal reviews;** Our structured training programme encourages active participation by all residents and senior colleagues in hospital rounds (daily), clinical case discussion and journal club (weekly), imaging rounds (weekly), pathology case presentations (daily) and external speaker seminars (weekly). The resident will attend monthly ECEIM journal clubs. Residents write all clinical reports to referring vets, to promote clinical writing skills.

ix) **Team working and attendance at conferences;** The resident will join an integrated clinical team of veterinary surgeons, veterinary nurses, grooms and receptionists and will be expected to play a full part in clinical and teaching duties. Effective team working will also be required during the research project. The resident will attend, and subsequently participate in, at least one equine conference (e.g. BEVA, ECEIM) per annum. They will meet ECEIM requirements regarding attendance at ECEIM Congresses and residential 'summer schools'. They will also be encouraged to attend appropriate scientific and clinical courses and to spend time in other institutions.

x) **Facilities;** Equine facilities at the DVEH include stabling for 38 equine patients, including two isolation stables; 2 surgery theatres, 2 induction boxes and an equine ICU. Diagnostic equipment includes high quality digital radiography, video endoscopy, ultrasound, Doppler echocardiography, nuclear scintigraphy, standing MRI, CT (for standing and anaesthetised horses), video-arthroscopy, over-ground endoscopy, neuro-diagnostic equipment, ophthalmology equipment, ECG and Holter monitors. There is access to excellent clinical pathology and pathology facilities. A well-stocked physical library and computer facilities are present on site along with online access to the entire University of Edinburgh e-resources.

xi) **Staff;** The supervisor, 3 co-supervisors and final year resident in Equine Medicine will provide medicine training. The resident will also receive in-house Diplomate-level supervision in related disciplines including ophthalmology (Drs Ben Blacklock, Claudia Hartley and colleagues, DipECVOs), neurology (Dr Caroline Hahn, DipECVN), cardiology (Profs John Keen and Karen Blissitt), dermatology (Dr Tim Nuttall, RCVS Specialist in Dermatology), behaviour (Dr Gemma Pearson, CCAB), anaesthesiology (Dr Gudrun Schoeffman, ECVA), imaging (Drs Tobias Schwarz & Tiziana Liuti, DECVDIs), dentistry (Dr Beka Kennedy, EVDC) and pathology (Prof Jorge del Pozo, DipECVCP). Equine surgical supervision will be provided by Drs Sarah Taylor, Pdraig Kelly, Oliver James (all DipECVVs) and Mattie McMaster (DACVS-LA & DECVS).

Further Information

The 48-month full-time residency is a clinical-based programme aimed at obtaining specialised knowledge and experience and is based at the Easter Bush Campus.

You will be enrolled on the DVetMed programme, and your status will be that of post-graduate student. Postgraduate fees will be paid by the University of Edinburgh at the UK level.

A principal aim of the Residency is to train research-literate specialist clinicians. To obtain the DVetMed qualification you must complete a clinical research project with a thesis examined in Year 4; the nature of this project will be agreed with your Supervisor at the start of your Residency. You will be expected to prepare and submit manuscripts for publication in refereed

journals during your training programme; the number, nature and timing of these manuscripts will be agreed with your Supervisor and Head of Service.

Your programme of study and work will be set by your Supervisor in conjunction with other appropriate staff. In addition to instruction and research, your training will include both teaching and clinical duties. Duties may change from time to time following appropriate consultation with your Supervisor.

You will be required to undertake clinical duties (including out of hours duties) necessary to gain the appropriate training. While undertaking clinical duties, you must adhere to any procedures, protocols, rules or regulations determined by the Director of the Equine Hospital. The requirement to undertake such duties does not confer employee status.

An important aspect of training is to accept appropriate professional responsibility for clinical case supervision and to undertake such investigations, therapeutic measures and surgical procedures as necessary under the supervision of your Supervisor. It is expected that the degree of responsibility will increase as progress is made through the programme.

Outside professional activities or employment must be discussed and approved by your Supervisor and they must not interfere with Residency duties. The Resident will be expected to study regularly at night and weekends in order to prepare for their examinations.

You are required to obtain the consent of the Head of Section before becoming a member of any outside committee or expressing your views in public on matters connected with the work of the School (this does not preclude you from addressing scientific or professional gatherings). If you should feel aggrieved at a refusal of consent there will be a right of appeal to the Head of School.

Communications to the press, radio or television, excluding scientific communications to the scientific and veterinary press, expressing personal views may not be communicated from the School address except by permission of the Head of School.

Residents, by accepting their programme of study, assign all Intellectual Property that they may generate in the course of their studies to The University of Edinburgh.

Copies of the current procedures for dealing with matters of discipline or grievance are available from the School.

You may be required to participate in School events as directed by the Head of Section.

Further specific conditions relate to some externally funded scholarships and to Residencies in specific disciplines; such conditions will form part of your "contract" with the University.

Stipend, Allowances and Leave

The post attracts an annual tax-free stipend of £29,108.00 per annum paid monthly by direct transfer to your Bank or Building Society account, normally on the 28th of the month.

The Residency is for 48 months, subject to review on an annual basis. In the event that the Residency is not completed or satisfactory progress not made, a period of 2 months' notice in advance of the date of departure must be given by either party.

You must be registered as a Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. You are responsible for ensuring that you are registered and for paying the initial registration fee as well as the subsequent annual RCVS registration fee. The link below provides more detailed information based on the country in which you qualified as a veterinary surgeon. You should also check the accreditation dates for the school where you gained your qualification.

<https://www.rcvs.org.uk/registration/applications-veterinary-surgeons/>

Please be aware that some English language qualifications that are recognised by the University of Edinburgh are not recognised by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. Further information regarding English language requirements for membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons can be found via the following link:

<https://www.rcvs.org.uk/registration/applications-veterinary-surgeons/english-language-requirements/>

*More information regarding English language requirements for entry to the University of Edinburgh can be found in the English Language Requirements section of this document.

Your annual leave (absence from the study programme) entitlement is 25 days plus the four recognised University holiday days. All leave must be agreed at least 30 days in advance with your supervisor (or a staff member to whom this responsibility has been delegated). Where clinical or other duties fall on a recognised holiday day, you will be granted time off in lieu. The leave year will run from January to December. In part years (i.e. at the start and end of your programme), leave entitlement will be on a pro rata basis. Annual leave cannot be carried from one leave year to another, except in exceptional and approved circumstances.

During sickness absence covered by medical certificates, payment of the award will continue at the full rate for three calendar months. Any payment beyond this period will be at the discretion of the School. Should a resident require special leave for an unforeseen family or domestic emergency involving a close relative or dependant, they may be entitled to up to five days paid leave but this will be considered on a case-by-case basis. If the period of illness/recovery of the resident or the special leave require a longer period of absence, the resident can consider applying for an interruption of studies however they would receive no stipend during any approved interruption of studies.

The University's Student Maternity and Family Leave Policy will apply to Residents.

http://www.docs.sasg.ed.ac.uk/academicsservices/policies/student_maternity_and_family_leave_policy.pdf

Where eligible, Residents will be entitled to receive stipend payments for up to 6 months maternity leave or two weeks paid paternity leave as applicable. Residents can request an additional 6 months interruption of studies as maternity leave although stipend payment is not available for maternity leave in excess of 6 months.

The Residency programme will include 5 days per annum for attending such meetings, seminars, tutorials and lectures and preparing written reports as approved by your supervisor. Additional Continuing Professional Development (CPD) opportunities may arise during the course of your Residency if deemed necessary and approved by your supervisor. A specific allowance (currently £1,500 per annum) is available to cover or contribute to the cost of CPD, travel, conferences, AV production, photocopying and library requests. This information is available on request from the Head of Section.

Disclosure

This Residency is subject to a Standard Disclosure Check. Appointment to this Residency is conditional on the University receiving a satisfactory Standard Disclosure check. The successful candidate will not be permitted to commence the residency until this has been received. Information provided will be kept confidential and individuals will not be discriminated against unnecessarily due to non-relevant offending background. If you require further information regarding Disclosure, please refer to www.disclosurescotland.co.uk

English Language Requirements

You must demonstrate a level of English language competency that will enable you to succeed in your studies, regardless of your nationality or country of residence. **It is highly recommended that applicants are already in possession of the required English language skills at the time of submission of their application.** Further information is available via the following link:

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/applying/your-application/entry-requirements/english-requirements>

Student Visa Information

Further information regarding student visas is available from the Student Immigration Service:

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/student-administration/immigration>

More detailed information regarding additional costs including the Immigration Health Surcharge is available below:

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/student-administration/immigration/applying-for-visa/student-visa/health-surcharge>

<https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=563&langId=en#nationalinfo>

Informal Enquiries

Informal enquiries are encouraged and may be made to: Professor John Keen, telephone +44-131 650 6253 or by email john.keen@ed.ac.uk

Application Procedure

Applications should be made via the online form that appears in the advert.

Please remember to indicate for which specialty you are making the application.

For any application related queries, please contact DVetMed@ed.ac.uk.

Closing date for applications: 31st March 2025

Please note that the online form will close automatically after the above date and no applications can be made beyond this date.

Starting Date

The scholarship is available from September 2025.