



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

Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery

Extraordinary
veterinary journeys start here



2027 Entry Guide

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Welcome

I am delighted you are considering studying with us. You have some important steps to take as you consider a career in veterinary medicine, so I hope you find this guide helpful when making what is, undoubtedly, a life-changing decision.

The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies has been preparing graduates for the veterinary profession for over 200 years, and today is a world-leading, modern institution and an international centre of excellence. We are continually working to ensure that our campus, curriculum, staff and support services are of the highest standard, so we can provide a learning environment in which our students thrive.

The Easter Bush Campus represents one of the largest concentrations of animal science-related expertise in Europe – impacting local, national and international communities with the provision of clinical services and the advancement of scientific knowledge. As such, our students benefit from close links between our teaching, clinical and research services. The breadth of expert knowledge within the School enables us to deliver world-class veterinary education, with students at the heart of our community.

Within these pages, you will find information to help answer some of your most pressing questions as you prepare your application. Our admissions team is ready to support you and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In joining the Dick Vet, you will become part of an extended family that stretches around the globe, providing you a lifetime of support and camaraderie. We can't wait to welcome you.

In the meantime, all the best with your studies, and I look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

Best wishes,



Professor Lisa Boden

**Head of the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies
and Dean of Veterinary Medicine**



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Facts and figures

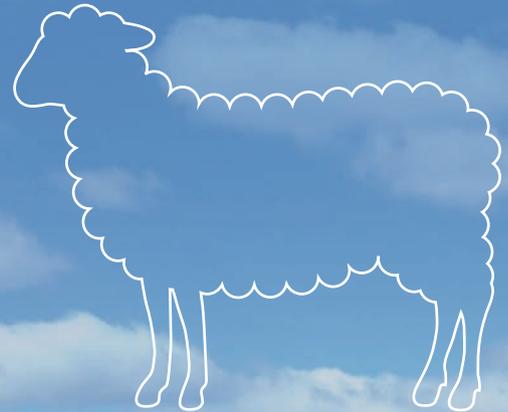
Recognised worldwide

Our accreditation, approval and recognition allows our graduates to practise in the UK, North America, Europe, South Africa, Australasia and beyond.*



Groundbreaking

Home to the renowned Roslin Institute, where Dolly the Sheep was created.



£300M+

Has been invested in the Easter Bush Campus.

1ST

in UK for agriculture, food and veterinary science research together with SRUC (REF 2021).

*additional exam may be required.

Consistently top-rated

in UK for Veterinary Science.

90%

Overall Satisfaction
(National Student Survey
2025 results).

2ND

in UK for Veterinary Science
(Guardian League Tables 2026).

2ND

in UK for Veterinary Science
(QS World Rankings by subject 2025).

International leader

in veterinary education, research and practice.



Our notable vet alumni are founders of veterinary schools in Canada, US, UK, Ireland and Australia.

The School

The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies was founded in 1823 by William Dick and has a 200-year history of veterinary teaching.

Today we are recognised as an international leader in veterinary education, research and practice, and are consistently ranked as one of the top schools in the United Kingdom and globally.

The School is a one-of-a-kind centre of excellence in clinical activity, teaching and research. Our purpose-built campus, set against the backdrop of the beautiful Pentland Hills Regional Park, is home to more than 800 staff and almost 1,400 students, all of whom contribute to our exceptional community ethos.

The School comprises:

- The Roslin Institute
- The Hospital for Small Animals
- Equine Veterinary Services
- Farm Animal Services
- Easter Bush Pathology
- The Animal Welfare Centre
- The Roslin Innovation Centre.

We represent one of the largest concentrations of animal science-related expertise in Europe, impacting local, regional, national, and international communities through economic growth, clinical services and the advancement of scientific knowledge.

These strengths enable us to attract the highest calibre of teaching staff, scientists and clinicians, fostering a collaborative environment that sustains and expands our partnerships with industry and other stakeholders.



The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies

Incorporating:
The Jeanne Marchig
International Centre for
Animal Welfare Education



Our campus

The Easter Bush Campus is a purpose-built home for veterinary teaching, research and practice. Set against the idyllic backdrop of the Pentland Hills Regional Park, the campus lies seven miles south of the city centre.

The University of Edinburgh and the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies are committed to sustainability. With electric car charging points, hedgehog tunnels, recycling initiatives, an apiary for bees, allotments, shower facilities for bike commuters and bike safety checks, and a solar farm in operation, we're proud to call Easter Bush a sustainable campus.

Sustainability and biodiversity
at Easter Bush Campus

vet.ed.ac.uk/sustainability-biodiversity



Facilities

You will benefit from a modern campus with purpose-built veterinary teaching facilities.

Study landscape

A space designed for individual and group study. Interactive displays include animal models, medicine boxes, animal feeds and other items you might encounter in practice, allowing you to build familiarity in an learning environment.



Post-mortem room

Students learn practical pathology, and can observe the complex and unusual post-mortem examinations the School undertakes.

Farms

The School's 240-cow dairy herd is housed at the nearby Langhill Farm. There is also a sheep flock based at the campus. Students learn all aspects of looking after production animals in commercial settings, and prepare for Extra-Mural Studies (EMS) placements.



Dissection room

A versatile space which can be configured to group or individual study. Digital screens and an interactive teaching desk allow you to view the descriptions and demonstrations closely.

This room has links to the post-mortem room and is home to an extensive library of specimens, bones and skeletons.



Library

The library provides students with quiet space for study and rooms to book for quiet group work. It is supported by specialist library staff and is home to many books, in addition to document and poster printing facilities.



Clinical skills lab

Students develop clinical skills through the use of models, live animals and mock clients. This space allows students to learn the basics of animal handling, customer communication and clinical techniques in a learning environment.



Virtual tours

vet.ed.ac.uk/virtual-tours



Immersive simulation teaching lab

The simulation lab is a replica of one of the consultation rooms in the Hospital for Small Animals. We use trained staff and specialised mannequins to reproduce as close to real life experiences as possible.

Students put their soft, and clinical, skills into practice in a safe and supportive environment. This valued approach is commonplace in human medical education, but is in its infancy in veterinary education.



Clinical hospitals

Students in later years of the programme observe, treat and perform clinical procedures under supervision in our veterinary hospitals. You will learn from expert veterinary surgeons across all species and experienced clinical teaching professionals.



Our clinical services

Our rich and varied clinical case-load and purpose-built facilities provide a learning environment for our undergraduates to thrive.



Farm Animal Services

The Farm Animal Practice operates a first opinion ambulatory practice serving dairy, beef, sheep, pig, goat and camelid farms across the Lothians and Scottish Borders. We also operate referral services where vets in private practice can send in patients for specialist investigations and surgery. The Dairy Herd Health and Productivity Service has provided specialist farm animal advisory services since 1977, focusing on nutritional monitoring and improvement of herd/flock health.

The Hospital for Small Animals and Dick Vet General Practice

The Dick Vet provides first opinion and emergency care for dogs, cats, small mammals, birds and exotic animals. We are one of the most advanced facilities in Scotland, and our staff have won multiple awards for excellence in clinical care. Encompassing a referral hospital and a general practice, we are home to a fantastic array of specialist services. These are supported by diagnostic imaging, anaesthesia, interventional radiography and physiotherapy services.



Dick Vet Equine

Our specialist equine hospital services cover a range of traditional and complementary healthcare, with expertise in:

- Soft tissue and orthopaedic surgery
- Internal medicine
- Diagnostic imaging
- Neurology
- Ophthalmology
- Interventional cardiology
- Dentistry and anaesthesia
- Behaviour
- Specialist farriery
- Physiotherapy.

We also provide first opinion and ambulatory care for all equidae – horses, donkeys and mules – and can offer surgical services for other species such as alpacas, farm animals and large exotic species.



Student support

We know going to university can be a daunting experience. The School provides robust student support, and fosters a close-knit community of students and staff.

Student Advisers are the first point of contact for anything our students want further guidance or advice on. Advisers also support students through any challenges they might face over the time at university.

Every student is assigned a Professional Mentor. This is an academic member of staff who will support you throughout your academic journey including the development of an individual personal and professional portfolio.

As a University of Edinburgh student, you also have access to:

- The Advice Place
- Health and Wellbeing Centre
- Edinburgh University Students' Associate (EUSA)
- Student Counselling Service
- Student Disability Service.

Learning resources

We offer dedicated study skills advice through drop-in and pre-booked sessions. These sessions are a platform to review current study methods and suggest alternatives.

Often students find a small change can make a big difference to their enjoyment and success at university. We offer workshops and learning events where students can try out new study skills in a supported environment.

Most lectures are recorded and made available to students online immediately, enabling enhanced knowledge and skill development, and more effective revision.

VetPALS is our peer-assisted learning model and provides student-to-student support. Senior students facilitate discussion on specific topics with junior students in an initiative that has proven to be highly effective.

Support services for students

vet.ed.ac.uk/university-services



Your student experience

Edinburgh University Students' Association (EUSA)

All students become members of EUSA when they join us. Led for, and by, students, EUSA enhances your experience, providing a community, support, entertainment, amazing spaces, and opportunities to make your voice heard.

As a registered charity, every penny spent in the Association's shops, venues or events goes back to helping students.

Dick Vet Student Union (DVSU)

DVSU is the vet school student union and hosts a variety of clubs and societies, from social interests to sporting teams.

The School holds our students at the heart of our community. There is an annual calendar of events to bring students and staff together.

Sports and fitness

The Easter Bush Gym offers the opportunity to stay active in a safe, fun and welcoming environment. It provides staff and students with a range of cardiovascular, condition and free and fixed weights equipment.

Play. Train. Perform

Play club and recreational sport with more than 70 clubs. The University offers something for everyone, with over 200 teams and opportunities for beginners through to athletes competing on an international stage.

The University has some of the UK's best sport and fitness facilities, including:

- 20+ gym and sport spaces at the Pleasance Sports Complex
- 25-metre, six-lane pool at St. Leonards Land
- One of Scotland's leading outdoor sports facilities at Peffermill Playing Fields
- Firbush Outdoor Centre on the banks of Loch Tay.

The Performance Sport Programme is one of the most highly regarded in the UK, enabling athletes to achieve a world-class degree and perform at the highest level within their sport.



Sporting success

The University's students and alumni claimed:

33

Olympic and Paralympic medals

48

Commonwealth Games medals

113

students represented
their countries 2023/24



EUSA

www.eusa.ed.ac.uk



Edinburgh Sport

uoesport.ed.ac.uk





Accommodation

We realise you need more than just a place to live. You need an environment in which you can thrive. That's why we guarantee accommodation for as many new undergraduates as possible. If you're from outside Edinburgh, intending to study for the full academic year, and apply by the deadline, our accommodation guarantee is open to you.

University accommodation is just a short walk or bus ride from the city centre of one of Europe's most vibrant capitals. Our undergraduate accommodation typically includes:

- all heating, hot water and electricity costs
- wi-fi in your study-bedroom and in common areas
- contents insurance
- secure bike storage
- laundry facilities.

Excellent transport links exist between student accommodation and the Easter Bush Campus. Once you accept your offer to study, our accommodation team will be in touch with details of the packages available.

Some students choose to find their own accommodation through private landlords. Rent varies, but you should compare with other rental prices and view the accommodation before signing paperwork or paying any money. Consider visiting the city before you move, to make sure your neighbourhood will offer easy access to the School.

Semester dates

Semester dates for BVM&S students are slightly different from those of other programmes. This will impact students in catered accommodation options where meals are served during regular term time.

BVM&S semester dates:

vet.ed.ac.uk/about/community/staff-students/semester-dates

University semester dates:

semester-dates.ed.ac.uk

For the latest information on all accommodation matters, go to:

www.accom.ed.ac.uk



This section applies only to the four-year Graduate Entry Programme

The GEP has an earlier start date so University flats are available to GEP students from early August. Flats are a short walk from central University buildings and close to bus links to Easter Bush Campus.

Flats are self-catered with a single study bedroom and shared facilities. You have the option to stay for the whole academic year, or transfer to other accommodation in September.

The Admissions Team will provide details from April onwards.

The University of Edinburgh

The University has been influencing the world since 1583. We have a long history of making a difference, but it isn't one we take for granted. To this day, we strive to deliver excellence and help address tomorrow's greatest challenges.

You can't plan on changing the world without starting small. It takes an inquisitive mind and a curious nature. It takes a stimulating teacher with the passion and enthusiasm to light the fire of a subject in your mind. It takes the confidence to challenge and be challenged, instead of just accepting the status quo.

We believe everyone deserves an equal opportunity to study. We welcome students from all over the world, who represent diverse experiences, backgrounds and cultures.

For more than 400 years, our students and staff have been influencing and changing the world for the better. Now it's your turn.





1582

The year the University of Edinburgh was founded.

Student community*

29,930

Undergraduate students

9,340

from Scotland

8,700

from rest of UK

11,890

International students from

180

countries in the past

10

years

200+

Student Societies

30

Libraries

5

Galleries & Museums

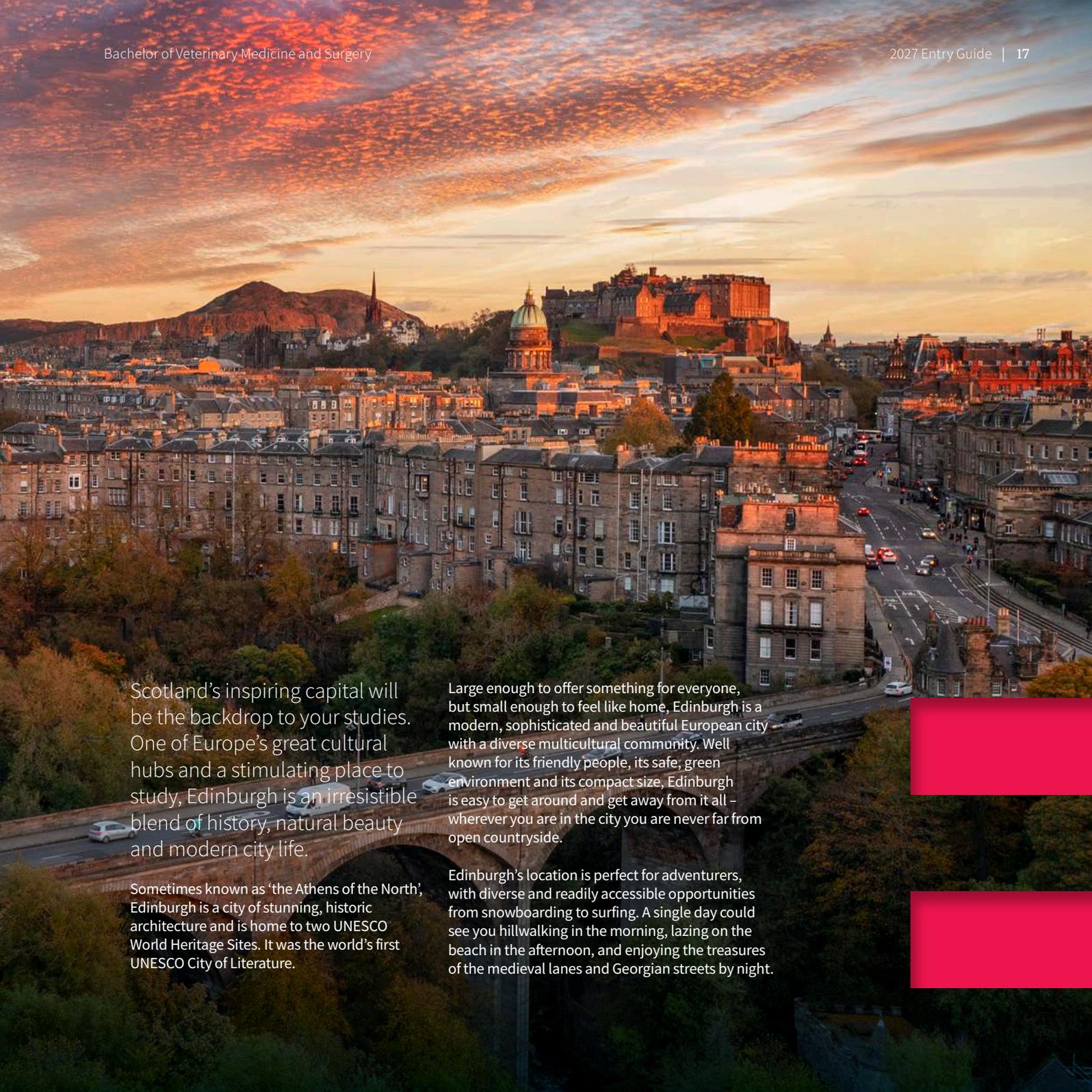
*measured at academic year 2023/24

Extraordinary Edinburgh

“Edinburgh is one of Europe’s most beautiful cities, draped across a series of rocky hills overlooking the sea.”

 **Lonely Planet**
Travel Guide



An aerial view of Edinburgh, Scotland, at sunset. The city is built on a hillside, with the Edinburgh Castle on top. The sky is filled with vibrant orange and red clouds. In the foreground, a stone bridge spans a river. The city is a mix of historic stone buildings and modern infrastructure.

Scotland's inspiring capital will be the backdrop to your studies. One of Europe's great cultural hubs and a stimulating place to study, Edinburgh is an irresistible blend of history, natural beauty and modern city life.

Sometimes known as 'the Athens of the North', Edinburgh is a city of stunning, historic architecture and is home to two UNESCO World Heritage Sites. It was the world's first UNESCO City of Literature.

Large enough to offer something for everyone, but small enough to feel like home, Edinburgh is a modern, sophisticated and beautiful European city with a diverse multicultural community. Well known for its friendly people, its safe, green environment and its compact size, Edinburgh is easy to get around and get away from it all – wherever you are in the city you are never far from open countryside.

Edinburgh's location is perfect for adventurers, with diverse and readily accessible opportunities from snowboarding to surfing. A single day could see you hillwalking in the morning, lazing on the beach in the afternoon, and enjoying the treasures of the medieval lanes and Georgian streets by night.

Extraordinary Scotland

From its highlands and islands to its lowland borders, Scotland is a country of breathtaking natural beauty.

For a country of its size, there is great variety in Scotland's terrain, from towering mountains to dense woodland glens. Even if you've lived here all your life, it may surprise you to learn that Scotland has more than 6,000 miles of coastline, almost 800 islands and more than 31,000 freshwater lochs. This is a country steeped in history yet firmly focused on the future – a modern, dynamic, European nation where the life sciences, creative industries, digital technology, energy and renewables, financial and business services, and, yes, tourism now drive our economy.



climate

Scotland's climate is temperate and oceanic with variable weather. Average temperatures range from 5°C in January to 19°C in August.



image credit: Hufton&Crow



images (clockwise from left): Isle of Skye, Eilan Donan Castle, The V&A Dundee, The Kelpies.



Loch Ness alone contains more water than all the lakes of England and Wales combined.

5.2M

Scotland's population is 5.2 million. There are as many people of Scottish heritage living in North America as there are in Scotland.



Nessie may grab the attention as the more famous beast, but Scotland's national animal is the Unicorn.

1ST

The birthplace of modern golf in the 15th century, Scotland also hosted the world's first international association football match, against England, in 1872.

6TH

Rough Guides readers voted the UK sixth in the world's most beautiful countries 2024. Scotland was first in the world when the UK's countries were last ranked individually.

The details

Programmes

We offer two programmes that lead to a Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVM&S) degree.



5yr

Five-year programme

our main route of study into veterinary medicine.



GEP

Four-year Graduate Entry Programme

an accelerated option for students with a relevant degree.

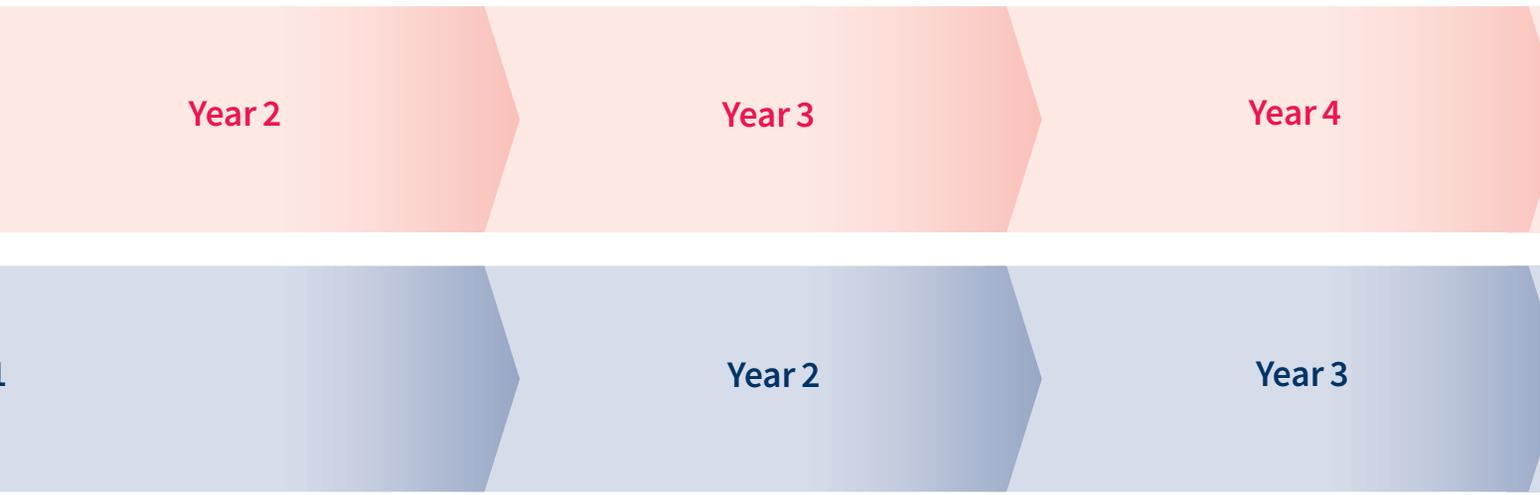
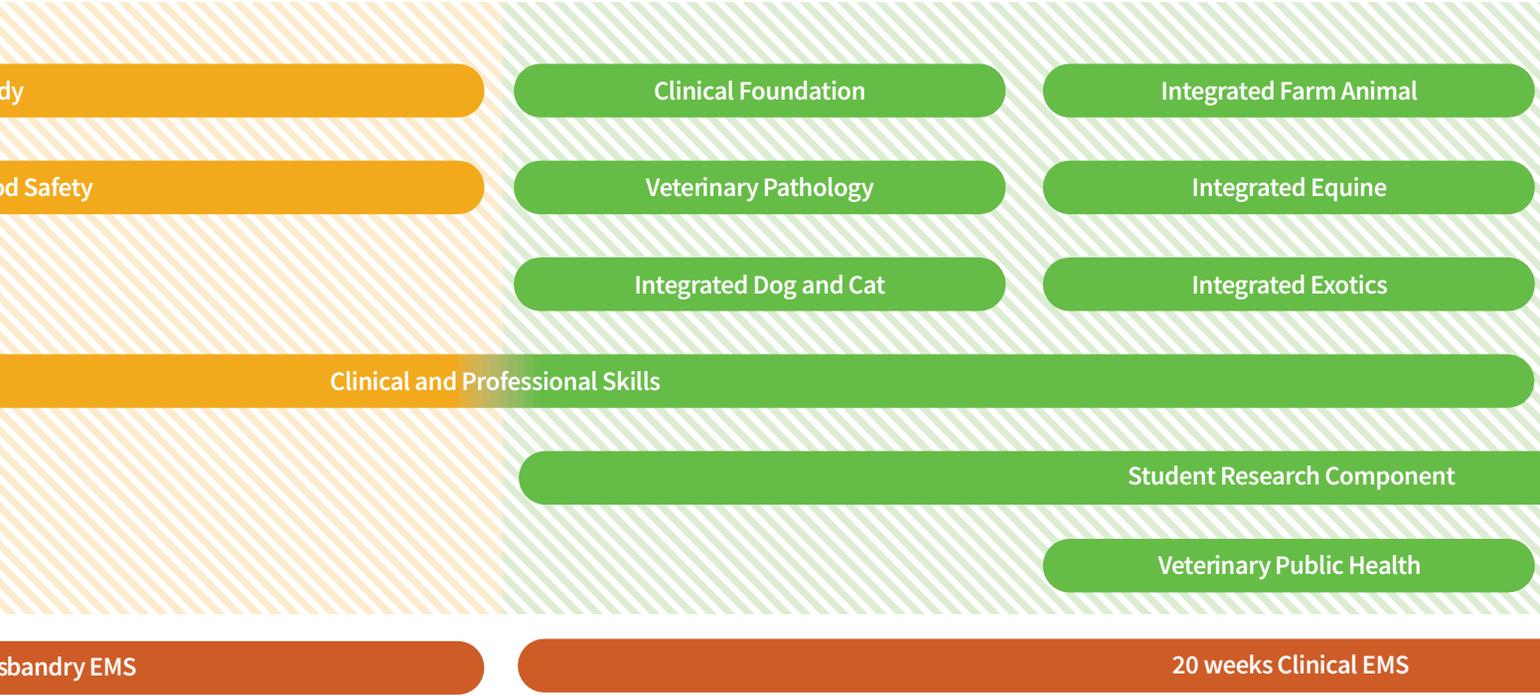
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Animal Life & Foo

10 weeks Animal Hus

Year 1

Year 1



*the Foundation Phase of the GEP is tailored to cover key areas of integrated anatomy and physiology in a case-based format with additional courses on introductory pathology, infectious disease, animal husbandry and population medicine.



Clinical and Selective Rotations



Foundation Phase

Students learn the normal functions of the animal body from cell level to the whole organism. Practical classes and animal handling are taught, as well as clinical and professional skills.



Clinical Phase

Clinical years build on the Foundation Phase and students learn about disease and treatment. Species-specific courses are introduced along with a focus on pathology, pharmacology and veterinary public health.

Final year is made up of clinical rotations at our on-campus hospitals and clinical practices, giving students real-life exposure to the work of a professional vet.



Extra Mural Studies (EMS)

EMS provides students with opportunities to gain real-life work experience and offers valuable insight into the world of work. Students practice animal handling and clinical skills and gain confidence in communication and team work.

Students choose placements that best align with their learning needs and interests and complete a wide range of diverse and exciting placements. A dedicated team within the School supports you through the EMS process.

Placements are mainly completed during holiday periods and they are generally unpaid, however UK students can apply for additional funding to contribute towards costs.

All UK veterinary programmes require EMS, which is mandated in UK law and overseen by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS).

A specific number of EMS weeks need to be completed within each stage of the BVM&S. Graduate Entry Programme students should be aware that all animal husbandry placements need to be completed within their first year.

Full details can be found at rcvs.org.uk



Year 5



Year 4

Entry requirements

Our aim is to admit students who demonstrate the potential to benefit from and contribute to the academic experience we provide.

We measure aptitude for the veterinary profession through the assessment of academic performance, work experience, non-academic criteria and performance at interview.

Due to the demand for places, we only accept two applications from any one candidate and do not ordinarily offer deferred places.



Content in this section applies only to the five-year programme

Entry qualifications should be gained at the first attempt and in one sitting.

If your qualification is not listed, please visit the entry requirements web page for information by country.

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/country

SQA Highers and Advanced Highers

Candidates must complete S6 having achieved:

AAAAB

at Higher by the end of S5 to include Chemistry, Biology and one of Maths, Applications of Maths or Physics. If Biology has not been taken in S5, it should be taken in S6 to Higher level.



BB

at Advanced Higher in Chemistry and one of Biology, Maths or Physics. Advanced Higher Biology is not compulsory but would be beneficial.

If your school is not able to offer you the range of Advanced Higher subjects required then we urge pupils, teachers or supporters to contact vetug@ed.ac.uk





5yr

A-Levels

AAA

in Chemistry, Biology and one other subject approved for entry.

BTEC National Extended Certificate in Applied Human Biology at grade D is accepted in lieu of A-Level Biology/Human Biology.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

38 points

overall with a minimum of 666 in Higher Level Chemistry, Biology and one other subject.

Widening access (UK)

Not everyone has an equal opportunity to demonstrate their full academic potential from school or college qualifications.

Candidates who qualify for widening access consideration will be assessed against the minimum entry requirements. Minimum entry requirements are set below the standard entry thresholds and more details can be found on page 27.

To find out if you qualify for widening access consideration, please visit: admission-checker.is.ed.ac.uk

Access programmes

Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP) Access to Medical Studies can be considered for entry and we welcome applications from this route.

To view SWAP Access courses, please visit:

www.scottishwideraccess.org/national

We also consider candidates who have successfully completed the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) Gateway Programme

www.rvc.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/veterinary-gateway

Approved subjects

edin.ac/approved-subjects



Minimum entry requirements

vet.ed.ac.uk/entry-requirements





Mature students

Applications from mature students are welcomed, and the selectors recognise the value of candidates from a variety of backgrounds.

You are required to meet the standard entry requirements at the first attempt and, where possible, in one sitting.

Mature applicants are encouraged to contact vetug@ed.ac.uk directly to discuss qualifications on an informal basis before making an application.

Graduates

UK 2:1 Honours (or international equivalent)

Or

GPA 3.4 (4-point scale)

Candidates with a non-science degree can be considered provided they have gained high grades in A-Level Chemistry and Biology.

All candidates applying for the BVM&S as a second degree, including those from UK, EU or EEA, are considered at the Overseas fee rate.



Content in this section applies only to the four-year Graduate Entry Programme

UK 2:1 Honours (or international equivalent)

Or

GPA 3.4 (4-point scale)

Degrees must be in a biological or animal science subject. Candidates must achieve high grades (minimum C or equivalent) in:

- Biology/Zoology
- Physics
- Biochemistry
- Organic Chemistry
- Inorganic Chemistry
- Mathematics/Statistics.

High grades in the following subjects are not compulsory but can strengthen an application for the four-year programme:

- Genetics
- Microbiology
- Cell Biology.

Complete applications must also provide an academic reference or letter of recommendation.

5yr entry requirements

vet.ed.ac.uk/5yr-entry-requirements



GEP entry requirements

vet.ed.ac.uk/4yr-entry-requirements





Content in this section applies to both programmes

English language requirements

If English is not your first language, you will need to demonstrate English competency.

Accepted qualifications include:

- IELTS Academic module overall 7.0 with 7.0 in each component
- TOEFL-iBT 100 or above with 23 in each section. We do not accept TOEFL MyBest Score
- B in iGCSE English (first language)
- Cambridge English: Advanced & Proficiency overall 185 with 185 in each component
- Trinity ISE: ISE III with a pass in all four components.

Non-academic achievements and interests

A healthy work-life balance is an essential part of life, and demonstrating how you balance a heavy workload and achieve academic quality is an important part of your application.

In your personal statement, tell us about your:

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

Work experience

You should gain both veterinary and non-veterinary work experience with animals.

Opportunities vary for each candidate, so we don't set specific targets of duration or species but the broader the range you can demonstrate the better prepared for the veterinary degree you will be.

Examples include*:

- Seeing veterinary practice, both large and small animal
- Livestock farms, such as dairy, beef, lambing, pigs, poultry
- Other animal-based locations, such as zoos, kennels, catteries, wildlife centres, stables
- A day at an abattoir or slaughterhouse
- Veterinary or medical laboratories.

We can consider completion of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) when assessing work experience, some examples are listed on page 36.

We can only consider placements that have already taken place, and you may receive an offer that is conditional on gaining further work experience. You should not gain work experience at the detriment of your academic studies.

*Please note these are suggestions and achieving them all is not a requirement.

A culture of inclusivity

Our aim is to provide a learning environment that is just, inclusive and diverse.

We are committed to widening access for students with backgrounds typically under-represented in veterinary medicine. We empower individuals and respect what makes people different.

Widening access (UK)

We identify applicants who could benefit from additional consideration in the admissions process – this is called widening access.

Candidates who qualify will be assessed against the minimum entry requirements. This is the level of academic achievement that is required for an applicant to be successful on the degree programme, rather than the level required to make a competitive application.

SQA Highers and Advanced Highers

AABBB at Higher by the end of S5, to include Chemistry, Biology and one of Maths, Applications of Maths or Physics.

+

BB at Advanced Higher in Chemistry and one of Biology, Maths or Physics.

A Levels

AAB with **AA** in Chemistry and Biology.

To find out if you qualify for widening access consideration, please visit: admission-checker.is.ed.ac.uk

Edinburgh Cares

We guarantee to offer an interview to applicants who are care-experienced and meet the minimum entry requirements. If you identify as care-experienced in your UCAS application, you will be introduced to the support structures available at the University.

Access initiatives

We support Lothians Equal Access Programme for Schools (LEAPS), Reach Edinburgh and the Access to the professions initiatives and we offer an annual fully funded residential summer school. These are pathways to encourage and support secondary school students from social or educational disadvantage into higher education.

Disability, health conditions and allergies

Veterinary medicine is a practical subject, and training can be physically and emotionally demanding. We are committed to supporting applicants with disabilities, health conditions and allergies as best as we can.

If you have concerns that may affect your capacity to manage the rigours of the programme or work with all species, please refer to our Admissions Policy, which includes links to guidance from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS).

Admissions policy

vet.ed.ac.uk/education/admissions-policy



Diversity in vet medicine

vet.ed.ac.uk/diversity



Support for secondary students

edin.ac/secondary-school-students



Careers

Working in the veterinary profession is highly rewarding, but also very demanding. The majority of graduate vets start their career in general practice, but there are many options available.

General practice

Veterinary surgeons are responsible for the treatment and prevention of disease in animals. Job opportunities exist in practices that specialise in small animals, food-producing animals, equine work or in mixed practices dealing in both small and large animals. Many veterinarians working in practice choose to further their knowledge by studying for additional qualifications.

Veterinary research

Veterinary researchers play a crucial role in the understanding of diseases and many careers in research bridge the gap between human and veterinary medicine.

Research not only improves the health, welfare, and productivity of animals, but it also protects humans from diseases transmitted from animals in our food and through other means.

Comparative studies of animal disease can help us better understand the same conditions in human health, such as cancer, genetic disorders, reproductive issues, and infections.

Research is conducted at university veterinary schools, research institutes, government-funded departments, laboratories, and private enterprises.

Government service

Veterinary surgeons are involved in protecting public health in government departments and agencies such as the State Veterinary Service, the Food Standards Agency, the Meat Hygiene Service, the Veterinary Laboratories Agency and the Veterinary Medicines Directorate.

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs employs vets to monitor animal health and to prevent the spread of diseases.

Other opportunities

Opportunities exist for vets within pharmaceutical companies, consultancies, and charities. Vets' broad scientific training can also be applied with great value to wildlife and environmental conservation.

Work in the UK as an international graduate

Graduates on Student Route visas can remain in the UK for four months after their programme ends.

After this, graduates must apply for a Graduate Route visa to be allowed to remain in the UK.

Careers Service

careers.ed.ac.uk



Student Immigration Service

registryservices.ed.ac.uk/immigration



Applying – key information

Applications

Applications for admission should be made through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS):

www.ucas.com

North American graduate applicants can make an application through the Veterinary Medical Colleges Admissions System (VMCAS):

www.aavmc.org



Key information

Qualification:	Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery (Hons)
UCAS code:	D100
Institution Code:	E56
Study Mode:	Five years full-time
Course Location:	Easter Bush Campus, Edinburgh EH25 9RG
Learn more:	vet.ed.ac.uk/education/undergraduate/bvms/5-year-programme



Qualification:	Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery (Hons)
UCAS code:	D102
Institution Code:	E56
Study Mode:	Four years full-time
Course Location:	Easter Bush Campus, Edinburgh EH25 9RG
Learn more:	vet.ed.ac.uk/education/undergraduate/bvms/4-year-programme

Deadlines

15 September	VMCAS application deadline
15 October	UCAS application deadline
22 October	WES submission deadline (UCAS Applicants only)
22 October	Deadline for submitting degree transcripts



Work Experience Summary (WES) form – UCAS applicants only

UCAS applicants are required to submit a WES form with a record of all the work experience you have undertaken. You will be sent a link to the WES form on submission of your application. Applications without a WES form at the published deadline will be considered incomplete.

Additional tests

We do not require any additional tests to be taken. This includes the BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT), UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT), Medical Colleges Admissions Test (MCAT), Veterinary Colleges Admissions Test (VCAT) or the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE).

Interview

Applicants who are successful after the initial assessment will be invited to attend an interview. Interviews take the form of a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI). The aim of the interview is to measure aptitude for the training we offer, and for the veterinary profession, across a number of key topics.

MMIs are held in person in Edinburgh. We also offer dates in East and South-East Asia and North America for candidates based overseas. All information relating to interviews will be sent to successful applicants with the invitation, as well as published on our website.

Offer holders

Offers may include academic or English language conditions which must be met.

If an offer advises you to gain additional work experience, this is a recommendation to help fully prepare you to start the degree.

Frequently Asked Questions

vet.ed.ac.uk/faqs





Fitness to practise

Offer holders must complete a health questionnaire once their offer is Unconditional Firm (UF). Students will not be permitted on the programme without one. Health questionnaires are required even if conditions have previously been declared on an application.

Admittance to the programme is subject to health clearance. See the links on page 27 for more details.



Healthcare

Once you arrive in Edinburgh, we recommend you find a General Practitioner (GP) and register as a National Health Service (NHS) patient.

The University Health Centre in Bristo Square is available for registration to those who live within the practice area, however you can register at any practice that accepts NHS patients.



Student buddies

Once you have firmly accepted your offer, you will be matched with a current student buddy.

International students or Graduate Entry Programme



Deposits

A deposit is required when accepting your offer. This is non-refundable but will be deducted from your tuition fees.



Immigration

A Student Route visa is required to enter the UK as an international student. A Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) will be issued once you have accepted an offer and met offer conditions; this will allow you to start a visa application.

We recommend you apply for a visa as soon as you receive a CAS. Applications can be made up to six months prior to the start date of your studies. The Immigration Healthcare Surcharge (IHS) is included in the overall cost of your visa.

The Student Route visa allows students to work up to 20 hours per week whilst studying, however the University recommends no more than 15 hours. We encourage students to manage their time alongside studies before taking on any part-time work.

For further information and guidance please visit:

registryservices.ed.ac.uk/immigration



Transcripts

Please send us official transcripts, or certified copies as soon as results become available.

Applying - the process





*candidates requiring a visa

Finances

Tuition fees

Like other universities in the United Kingdom, we assign you a fee status depending on whether you are from Scotland, the rest of the UK and Republic of Ireland or overseas.

Fees at the International/Graduate rate are fixed for the duration of the course, meaning what you pay for the first year is the same as you'll pay for final year.

All graduates, including those from the UK, are considered on a full-fee basis only.

EU applicants (excluding those from the Republic of Ireland) who do not have settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme will be charged the overseas tuition fee rate.

Payment

Fees can either be paid in full or spread into more manageable instalments by direct debit.

Funding for UK students

Scottish nationals are entitled to apply to the Student Award Agency for Scotland to cover the cost of tuition fees for the full duration of studies for a first degree.

England-domiciled students can apply to Student Finance England for a loan to cover the full cost of tuition fees. The loan is repayable once graduate earnings are more than £25,000 per year.

Welsh students can apply to Student Finance Wales and Northern Irish students can apply to Student Finance Northern Ireland.

Access awards, which are not required to be repaid, are made based on criteria such as income, background and personal circumstances.

Scholarships

The School offers two scholarships for anyone on the International/Graduate fee rate. These are worth £5,000 per year for the duration of studies, subject to satisfactory progression.

The University also offers a number of scholarships for overseas candidates.

For more information on student funding, please visit: registryservices.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/undergraduate

Living costs

We estimate students will need between £920–£2,257 per month for living costs, including room and board. You will also need to consider initial, annual and miscellaneous costs (deposits, bedding, textbooks, insurance, travel, etc).

US federal loans

The University of Edinburgh is an approved Title IV institution for the purpose of administering these loans. Our School Code is G06839, which sometimes appears as 006839.

Canadian student loans

The University of Edinburgh is a recognised institution for certifying and confirming student status for these loans. Our institutional code is PUAR.

For assistance in completing US or Canadian loans, please contact: studentfunding@ed.ac.uk

Bank accounts

The process to open a UK bank account starts once you have moved into accommodation in Edinburgh. It is not normally possible to open a bank account prior to arrival unless an overseas bank has a relationship with a UK bank.

The University can provide a Bank Introductory Letter and provide proof of your accommodation. Once you have checked in to University accommodation, you can download and print a copy of this letter from within the student systems portal.

If you are staying in private accommodation, you will need to apply for a Bank Introductory Letter online.

Working as a student

We understand the benefits of work – but your wellbeing and your studies are also important. Because of this the University recommends that full-time students do not work more than 15 hours per week.

Guidance on working allowances for international students with a Student Route visa can be found on page 31.



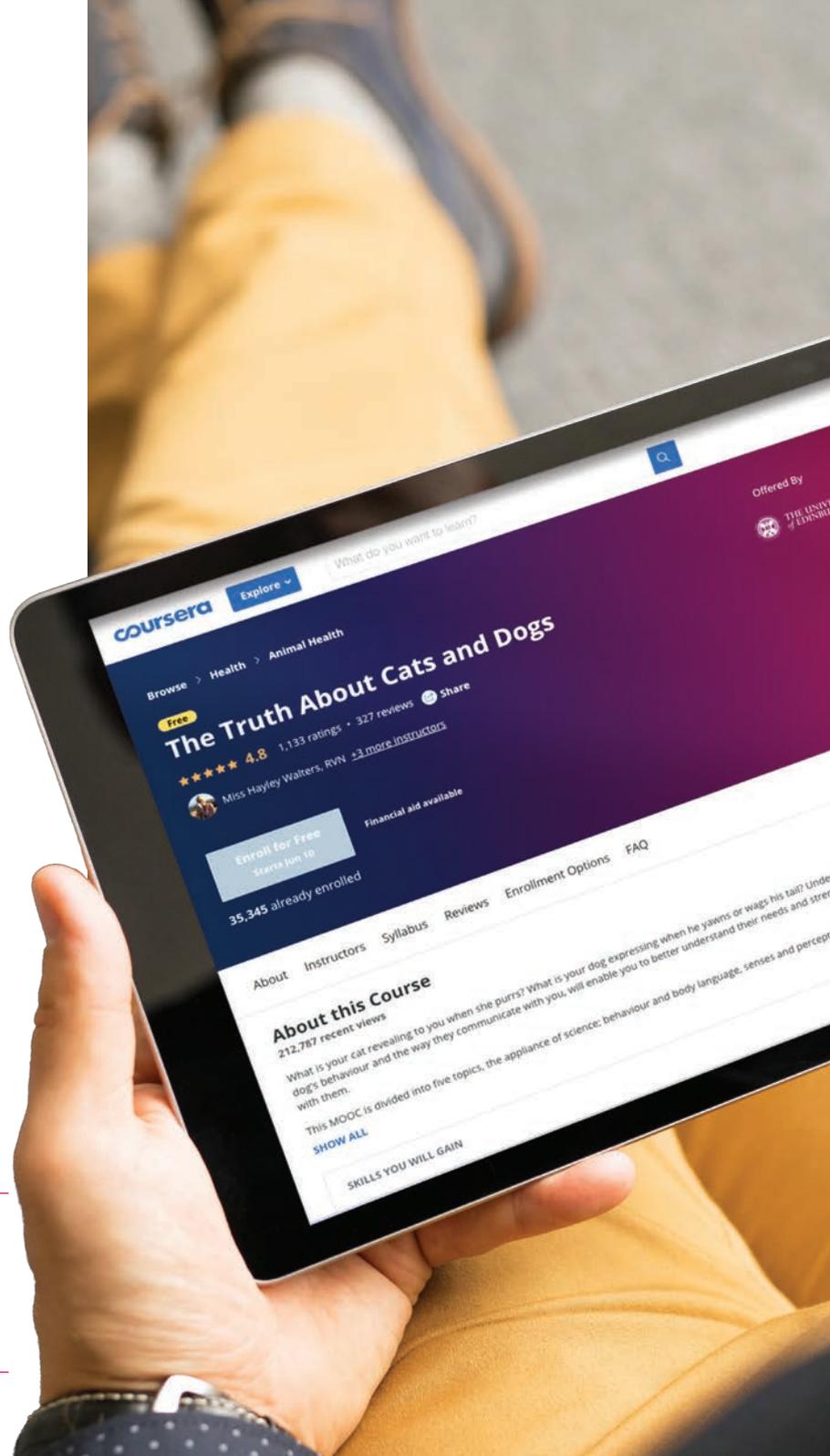
Open access short courses

The University of Edinburgh offers many online short courses which are available to the general public.

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are an introduction to a subject and can be followed on demand.

Courses are written by academic staff and are often free, or at a low cost.

Completion of MOOCs does not guarantee a successful application, but you can include details in your Work Experience Summary (WES) form.



MOOCs

vet.ed.ac.uk/moocs



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disability.service@ed.ac.uk

disability-learning-support-service.ed.ac.uk

Edinburgh University Students' Association (EUSA)

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www.eusa.ed.ac.uk

Student Fees and Funding

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Transport

The Easter Bush Campus is located seven miles to the south of the centre of Edinburgh. The main methods that students use to come to the campus are:

- **Bus** - There are several public bus services to and from campus. For details, visit: www.lothianbuses.co.uk
- **Bike** - we have a secure bike shed, showers and changing facilities and the University supports schemes to help people cycle to and from the campus.
- **Car** - some students choose to drive and can apply for a free student car park pass.

- 01 Hospital for Small Animals
- 02 William Dick teaching building
- 03 Farriery
- 04 Charnock Bradley building
- 05 Equine hospital and practice
- 06 Farm Animal Hospital
- 07 The Roslin Institute
- 08 Teaching horses
- 09 Equine surgery and critical care unit
- 10 Greenwood building
- 11 Nursery
- 12 Sheep Farm





Where we are

Detailed maps can be found at:
www.ed.ac.uk/maps

Additional links

School website

vet.ed.ac.uk



Student Disability Service

disability-learning-support-service.ed.ac.uk



University website

ed.ac.uk



EUSA

www.eusa.ed.ac.uk



The School on Facebook

www.facebook.com/dickvet



Student Fees and Funding

registryservices.ed.ac.uk/tuition-fees/contact/form



The School on Instagram

www.instagram.com/thedickvet



Accommodation Services

accom.ed.ac.uk



The School on YouTube

www.youtube.com/DickVetSchool



UCAS

www.ucas.com



The School on LinkedIn

www.linkedin.com/company/thedickvet



Scholarships and Funding

registryservices.ed.ac.uk/student-funding





This publication contains information for students planning to start university in 2027. We have made every effort to ensure all details are correct at the time of going to press (November 2025). However, since this information is subject to change, please check the University's website for the latest updates; vet.ed.ac.uk



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