

# UF College of Veterinary Medicine Admissions News



## 2014-2015 Admissions Cycle Opening in June

*From the Admissions Office*

**T**he 2014-2015 Admissions Cycle is nearly upon us! We will soon be searching for the students who will participate in the Class of 2019. The Veterinary Medical Application Service (VMCAS) will open during the first week of June (and closes in October).

Students planning on applying for this upcoming cycle should be aware that **two** applications are required in order to be eligible for admission:

1. The VMCAS application, and
2. The UF Vet Med Professional Application (supplemental application)

Official transcripts should be submitted to **VMCAS** as early as possible (preferably one

month ahead of the deadline) to allow time for course verification. Unless specifically requested, **do not** submit transcripts to UFCVM. It is recommended that 80% of pre-requisites (excluding Animal Science and Animal Nutrition) are completed in time to appear on the application transcripts.

Students planning to take pre-requisites over the summer should be sure to submit transcripts after these grades have been added.

The [VMCAS Application](#) can be found on the [AAVMC website](#). The UF Vet Med Professional Application can be found on our [Admissions website](#).

We look forward to hearing from this year's applicants very soon!

## Welcome to the Class of 2018

We are proud to announce that our Class of 2018 has been seated! We look forward to this new group of future veterinarians joining us at the UF College of Veterinary Medicine. We wish all of our new students the best of luck over the next four years!

Each class at the University of Florida is unique in their strengths. You can view the statistics for recent classes on our [website](#).

### Check out these Web sites:

- [AVMA News & Publications](#)
- [Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges](#)
- [Job Postings in the Field](#)

## Spread the News!

Please feel free to share this newsletter with students and other pre-veterinary/pre-health advisors. If you have a contact that might appreciate being added to our list serve, please send the appropriate contact information to Brandi Phillips at [brandikphillips@ufl.edu](mailto:brandikphillips@ufl.edu).

## FAQ: What can I do to stand out as an applicant?

Strong academics and substantial veterinary experience alone may not be the only important factors in selecting future veterinary students. Here are just a couple of ways you can stand out from the crowd:

- Participate in extracurricular activities, community service, and take on leadership roles.
- Spend time making sure your essays are the best representations of you. Make sure a reader is going to feel intrigued and will want to learn more about you!
- Research is also a form of experience. If you are interesting in working as a veterinary researcher, search for research experience and opportunities. Find a professor you can connect with in a laboratory setting.
- Develop strong relationships with the veterinarians, professors, and community members you will ask for letters of recommendation. The better they know you and your goals, the better the letter!

## Important Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Monthly</b> Pre-Veterinary Advising Sessions &amp; Tours of UFCVM<br/>Request one <a href="#">here!</a></li> <li>• <b>June 2014:</b><br/>- VMCAS launch for 2014-2015</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>September 1, 2014:</b><br/>- GRE deadline<br/>- UFCVM Supplemental Application deadline</li> <li>• <b>October 1, 2014:</b><br/>- VMCAS closing date</li> </ul> |
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## UFCVM Highlight: Small Animal Hospital

Our College strives to provide excellent opportunities for our veterinary students. Our new Small Animal Hospital was opened on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, and serves as a referral facility for animals that come from throughout Florida and the southeastern region of the United States. Primary care and emergency services are also available through this hospital. Specialty services include orthopedic and soft tissue surgery, internal medicine, primary care and dentistry, dermatology, behavior, cardiology, oncology, anesthesia, acupuncture and rehabilitation, radiology, ophthalmology, and neurology. Cancer is the most frequent case treated in the UF Small Animal Hospital, and our linear accelerator is a state-of-the-art tool that is capable of delivering different types of radiation therapy based on a patient's specific needs.

Third and fourth year veterinary students work closely with clinicians and veterinary technicians when serving on various rotations in the Small Animal Hospital and are able to practice veterinary medicine using some of the latest technology and techniques available for patient care. These opportunities benefit not only the patients and clients dependent on the high quality care provided at the Small Animal Hospital, but also our students, who are able to develop their skills and knowledge right here on campus.

For more information about the services provided at the UF Small Animal Hospital, you can visit the website at <http://smallanimal.vethospital.ufl.edu>.