THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Sydney School of Veterinary Science

Admissions Statement for Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Please read the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Admission Guide before completing your application.

A. Personal Details

Please provide your personal details as shown on your passport.

Applicant Details			
Title	Mr □ Miss ■ Mrs □ Ms □ Dr □ Other:		
First Name/s			
Last name			
Applicant Number*		Telephone	
Email address			

*You will be assigned an applicant number when you commence your online application in the Sydney Student portal.

B. Pre-requisites

Please indicate which pre-requisite requirements you believe that you have met (after reviewing the course equivalents http://sydney.edu.au/vetscience/dvm/prerequisites.shtml). Pre-requisite studies must have been completed in the last 10 years.[+]

Pre-requisite subject	**Code and name of unit(s) completed**	**University**	**Credit points***	**# Credit points in a full-time load (1 year) ***	**Grade/ Mark**	**Year Completed**	**Office use only**
Example: Biology	*BIOL1111 Introduction to Biology*	*Henderson University*	*8*	*64*	*69 CR*	*2011*	
Biology							
Chemistry							
Biochemistry							
Required Attachments						**Completed**	
****Attachment of original certified copy of your official academic transcript showing details of the units/subjects and a detailed outline for each of the unit/subjects listed above.**						☐	

[+]Credit point values vary between different universities; therefore, information about credit point values at the university at which you completed your pre-requisites is required to assess the relative volume of study.
*Pre-requisite studies completed more than 10 years before the time of application may be considered at the Dean's discretion.
** The unit of study outlines should come from an official publication of the Provider University, such as the Faculty of Science handbook. Your application for admission to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine will not be considered without this information.

C. Additional Information

This information will be used as part of the selection process for all graduate entry applicants to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. A digital copy of your signed admission statement and supporting documents must be uploaded and attached to your online application for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

The purpose of the following information is to determine your interest in, and commitment to animal health and welfare, a career in veterinary practice, industry or research as well as non-veterinary interests and achievements.

For animal and veterinary related experience and employment, you should provide evidence of this through relevant experience in some or all of the following areas:

- Animal production industries such as sheep, cattle, pigs, goats, horses and poultry.
- Veterinary clinical practices.
- Other relevant animal industry experience including government bodies, charities and research organisations.
- Experience in association with family farms including livestock and horse breeding enterprises.

You must attach supporting documents as evidence for each experience listed (reference, certificate, statement from employer, etc).

To be considered for admission, you must have completed a **minimum of 4 weeks** (the equivalent of 30 working days) **of relevant experience, a substantial portion of which must have been completed within the 5 years prior to application. Relevant experience on family farms beyond the previous 5 years can be provided).** The experience must involve direct contact and hands-on experience with animals. Ideally, some of this experience would be completed in veterinary practice. This is to enable our students to make a smooth transition into the Veterinary Teaching Hospital environment.

i. Experience and Employment Information

Please outline your animal, veterinary and non-veterinary experience and employment details by completing the table provided at the end of the form. **Insert additional copies of the table as required to outline all of your experiences.** Please complete one table for each work experience/employment location (see example below). Please note, by providing the following information and contact details, you are providing consent for us to contact the listed establishments to confirm/clarify your experience.

If you have experience of the equine or livestock industries through family farms please describe this in a separate table below outlining the type of enterprise, your personal involvement in the enterprise including the time frames of your involvement and experience gained. Please provide documentation from the family enterprise to support your claims.

Your supporting document/s should be attached as a single digital file with your online application.
Example

Experience Type *(Animal Related/ Veterinary/ Employment)*	*Animal related experience*	**Experience Dates**	*10-03-2020 to 21-03-2020*
Recognition Type (Paid/Volunteer)	*Volunteer*	**Status** *(Full-time/ Part time)*	*Full-time*
Title	*Kennel assistant*	**Hours per Week**	*35*
Employer Name	*Every Veterinary Clinic*	**Total Weeks**	*2 weeks (12 days)*

Supervisor Name	*Ms J Smith*	**Total Hours**	*70*
Email Address	*jsmith@zmail.com*	**Experience Details** *(Include activities undertaken, level of supervision etc).*	*Feeding hospitalised dogs and cats, and cleaning cages* *Walking dogs* *Administering tablets to dogs* *Restraining animals for veterinary examination*
Contact Number	*(02) 1111 1111*	**Animal Types** (List species)	Cats, dogs

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ii. Please outline your achievement and award details by completing the table provided at the end of the form. Please limit these only to those awarded within the last 4 years. **Insert additional copies of the table as required to outline all of your achievements**. Please complete one table for each achievement/award. Your supporting document/s should be attached as a single digital file with your online application.

Achievement/Scholarship/ Award Name		**Description**	
Awarding Organisation			
Date			

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iii. Take Acuity Casper Test

Applicants are required to register for the Acuity Insights Casper test ***CSP- 20400 - Postgraduate Veterinary Science at least 3 days prior to the test date.***

More information on the test and how to book, please visit https://acuityinsights.app/

☐ I confirm that I have completed/am registered to take the Take Acuity suite Casper test on _____

DD/MM/YY

iv. Take Kira Talent Test

All applicants are required to complete Kira Talent which will be open between **26th July to 29th July 2026.** ***It must be completed between these dates and will not be available any other time***, **the Kira Talent link is available on the** Doctor of Veterinary Medicine course page.

☐ I confirm that I am aware and will take the test by July 2026.

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DD/MM/YY

v. Personal Statement

For DOMESTIC applicants ONLY – please answer the following (If you are an international applicant do not complete this statement)

Given your experience and knowledge of the veterinary profession and animal industries, discuss three (3) of your personal qualities that would be an asset to the profession. Provide examples of how you have demonstrated these qualities in the past. (not to exceed 3,000 characters)

☐ I confirm that the content of my personal statement is original and composed by me in its entirety.

Signed: _____ Date:_____

For INTERNATIONAL applicants ONLY (**If you are a Domestic applicant do not complete this statement)**
Your personal statement is a one-page essay (not to exceed 3,000 characters) that gives veterinary admissions committees a clear picture of who you are and, most importantly, why you want to pursue a career in veterinary medicine. (Please look at the DVM admissions guide for guidance on writing your personal statement).

Your personal statement must answer the question: Why do you want to pursue a career in veterinary medicine?

Although there is no set of rules mandating what a strong statement of purpose should include, here are a few tips to help you successfully and effectively craft one:

- Explain a defining that helped steer you toward a career in veterinary medicine.
- Consider using that moment as the focal point of your essay.
- While many of you have had meaningful experiences with animals or veterinarians as children that are important, they should only be mentioned briefly.

Be original and thoughtful:

- Discuss how you would contribute to the profession and patient care, all of which will help you stand out from other applicants.
- As you are telling us why you want to pursue a career in veterinary medicine, explain why you are a good candidate for veterinary school.
- Ask yourself—in a pile of 100 applications, would I enjoy reading my statement?
- Be sure to convey your passion for veterinary medicine in your statement.

Your application materials already contain a summary of your accomplishments, so avoid repeating information from your transcripts or reference letters.

Give yourself time to organize your thoughts, write well and edit as necessary.

Ask yourself if this essay is a good representation of your character, ideals and aspirations.

Remember to proofread!

Personal Statement for International applicants to complete in the box below

☐ I confirm that the content of my personal statement is original and composed by me in its entirety.

Signed: _____ Date: _____