

VETERINARY SCHOLARS PROGRAM
School of Veterinary Medicine - Purdue University

The Veterinary Scholars Program is designed for those exceptionally qualified high school seniors who wish to enroll in and complete a baccalaureate degree program . This program offers an opportunity for early **provisional** acceptance into the professional DVM program through select undergraduate degree programs in Animal Science, Biological Science or Biochemistry.

Only a few positions will be made available for each of the designated programs. Students accepted into the Veterinary Scholars Program are encouraged to develop an enriched and distinctive undergraduate program that will enhance the academic experience and provide preparation for a life-long learning process for a veterinary medical career. All qualified students are encouraged to apply.

To be considered a qualified applicant for the Veterinary Scholars Program, an applicant must:

- Possess an outstanding high school academic record defined as:
 - ◆ top 10% of high school graduating class and
 - ◆ strong science and mathematics background and
 - ◆ Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) score greater than or equal to 1950 or American College Test (ACT) composite score greater than or equal to 28
- Demonstrate a background of work experience with animals and with veterinarians
- Provide information on extracurricular activities and/or other work experiences
- Be admitted to Purdue University's School of Agriculture and complete a degree in the Animal Sciences or Biochemistry programs or the School of Science and complete a degree in the Biological Sciences program
- Complete and submit the Veterinary Scholars application and all supporting materials by the application deadline.
- Participate in a personal interview on the Purdue campus, if invited.

In order to maintain eligibility in the Veterinary Scholars Program, a student must:

- Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 for semesters 1 and 2, 3.35 for semesters 3 and 4, 3.50 or better for all additional semesters (4.00 grade scale)
- Complete a bachelor's degree in either the Animal Sciences, Biological Sciences or Biochemistry programs
- Submit test scores from the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) during the last year of your undergraduate program

(NOTE: all pre-veterinary core course requirements must be completed with at least a grade of 'C' or better)

Offers of admission to the Veterinary Scholars program are usually made during the month of July. Once admitted, students must meet the eligibility criteria outlined above. In the event that a student does not meet the academic and performance requirements for the Veterinary Scholars program, the offer of early provisional admission to the veterinary school is void; however, the student may still apply for admission to the veterinary school through the regular application process. Students enrolling in the 3 + 1 programs are not eligible.

A student who becomes a Veterinary Scholar and then decides to apply for admission through the regular application process and before meeting all the program requirements forfeits the position in the Veterinary Scholars Program.

Responsibility for academic advising of the Veterinary Scholars students will remain with the undergraduate counseling offices in consultation with the Director of Student Services for the School of Veterinary Medicine. Veterinary mentors will also be assigned to the Veterinary Scholars to assist them in further defining career goals.

