

GUIDELINES FOR APPROVAL OF OFF-CAMPUS BLOCKS AND ADJUNCT FACULTY BLOCKS

- A maximum combined total of 50 off-campus blocks and adjunct faculty blocks will be approved in any one year.
- Applications for adjunct faculty blocks will be considered first followed by applications for off-campus blocks.
- If an individual submits multiple applications for off-campus/adjunct faculty blocks, all the individual's applications will be considered together.
- A comparable experience must not be available at the Purdue SVM.
- The experience should be in keeping with the career goals and track of the individual.
- The individual must convincingly explain the importance of this experience to their professional education and future goals.
- Individuals with a primary career interest that is not covered in the SVM curriculum may be granted as many as 4 off-campus experiences (depending upon track requirements) and these individuals may be given priority in granting off-campus experiences. Examples of such career interests are: shelter medicine, zoo animals, non-traditional companion animals, wildlife, non-practice options.
- When the number of off-campus or adjunct blocks requested is in excess of the number of allowable blocks, individuals requesting multiple experiences away from campus may be allowed only one such experience.
- Students on academic probation or who have shown weak academic performance may not be granted approval of off-campus or adjunct faculty blocks.
- The experience should be judged to be worthwhile by SVM faculty familiar with the individuals at the off-campus block site.
- In cases where the externship does not appear to support the individual's career goals but the off-campus block does, it may be recommended that the off-campus block be taken as an externship.
- Students who are requesting an off-campus or adjunct faculty block in avian and exotic animal medicine should be taking VCS 85100 Medicine and Surgery of Non-traditional Pets as an elective in semester 6.
- Students who are requesting an off-campus or adjunct faculty block in equine theriogenology should be taking VCS 83100 Advanced Equine Theriogenology Lab as an elective in semester 6.