Enrichment Summer Program

Want to be a veterinarian?

“This has been the most fun and beneficial program I’ve had the chance to participate in. I loved meeting all my peers, vet students, and faculty.”

~Brianna Greco~

A Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine degree opens doors to numerous, challenging career pathways. Graduates can practice in the field of food animal production, become a companion animal veterinarian, conduct biomedical research, serve in the government to regulate human and food animal safety, or choose from a number of other professions and industries.

The Enrichment Summer Program (ESP), sponsored by the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine’s Office of Admissions, Student Life, and Inclusivity, provides academic advancement and career knowledge for undergraduate students interested in veterinary medicine. There is no fee to participate in ESP; campus housing and meals are covered by the Program.

Am I eligible?

• Michigan permanent resident
• All science prerequisites must be completed with a minimum GPA of 3.0
• Your last 45 credits cumulative GPA must be a minimum of 3.0
• Completion of at least 50 percent of required prerequisites by the start of the program
• Intent to apply to a professional DVM program in the next VMCAS application cycle
• Well-qualified student from an underrepresented background

When is ESP?

The Program is held for three weeks in June. Visit the College website at cvm.msu.edu/esp for more information.

How do I apply?

The free online application opens December 1. The deadline for applications is January 31. Visit cvm.msu.edu/esp for more information.

“It truly allowed me to see what the College has to offer and allowed me to meet different people who share the same passion. I learned so much and it further excited me for what’s in store for my future.”

~Qadir Muhammad~
What are the benefits of ESP?

- Receive intensive preparation for professional school
- Obtain exposure to the diverse professional opportunities in veterinary medicine
- Develop more efficient studying and test-taking strategies
- Gain field and clinical experience with multiple species of animals
- Engage in specialized science disciplines
- Spend time with faculty mentors
- Attend seminars on communication and leadership, and prepare for the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS) application
- Create lifelong bonds with fellow students
- Spend time at MSU’s beautiful campus

My favorite part of ESP was interacting with the staff and students; every individual helped my love of veterinary medicine grow stronger throughout my time there.”

~DeJanee Harris~

What does ESP involve?

Participants will experience a robust didactic curriculum, leadership development sessions, and clinical learning opportunities.

Content areas include:
- Anatomy laboratory, epidemiology, histopathology, medical terminology, microbiology, and physiology

Clinical experiences include:
- Emergency medicine, diagnostic ultrasound, internal medicine, oncology, and soft tissue surgery

Leadership development workshops include:
- Career development, financial health, work-life balance, and written and verbal communication

What are the expectations of ESP participants?

- Commitment to all assigned program components and offerings
- Respect for self, others, ESP, and the College
- Professional conduct and attire at all times

“I still talk about my experiences at ESP with my friends and coworkers. It gave me an even greater interest into becoming a DVM and left me wanting to keep learning.”

~Griffin Kinder~