

# Food Animal Veterinary Incentive Program

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The University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences along with the College of Veterinary Medicine have introduced the Food Animal Veterinary Incentive Program (Food Animal VIP) to provide a continuous supply of veterinary graduates for the food animal industry. All over the nation, a shortage of veterinarians to care for food animals has emerged.

- not enough veterinary students are training to work with dairy cows, beef cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, and goats
- rural areas need veterinarians
- food industry positions are hard to fill
- federal and state agencies need more veterinarians to protect the livestock industry from new disease threats and to help ensure food safety

Food Animal VIP is a specialized program for students interested in food animal veterinary medicine. Successful completion of this program will result in acceptance to the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. If you are thinking about a career in **food-animal veterinary medicine**, this program allows you to:

- receive an admission decision from the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine as an undergraduate dependent on your completion of the program's requirements
- have the option of allowing your undergraduate G.P.A. or the Graduate Records Exam (G.R.E.) used when applying to the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine
- participate in special summer independent studies, research opportunities, and internships
- benefit from mentorships with College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and College of Veterinary Medicine faculty and students while you complete your undergraduate coursework
- qualify for scholarships

## **Applicants for Collegiate Entry must:**

- be a current University of Georgia student,
- be a Georgia resident,
- major in animal science, avian biology, dairy science, or poultry science in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences,
- have an interest in food animals,
- have completed at least CHEM 1211 and lab (preference given to applicants who complete two semesters of chemistry by end of Spring semester) and
- submit an application, resume and two letters of support.

Complete this application and provide two letters of support and your resume to be considered for the program. One letter should be from a practicing veterinarian. Acceptance is competitive and applicants must document an outstanding academic record and a strong interest in food animal medicine. Continued academic excellence and interest in food animal medicine is required.

Examples of professional veterinary service to animal agriculture include private food animal practitioners, mixed animal private practitioners (with at least half of the practice being with food animals/animal agriculture), veterinarians working in corporate agribusiness, technical service veterinarians working with animal health industries, pathologists working in diagnostic laboratories, food animal veterinarians on university faculties, and veterinarians in public practice such as veterinary medical officers employed by state or federal governments.

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- 1) Complete this application in its entirety (contact information along with questions 1 through 6)
- 2) Sign and date this application
- 3) Provide two letters of support. One must be from a practicing veterinarian.
- 4) Provide your current resume.

Applicant's Full Name:

SS#: XXX-XX-

UGA Cumulative GPA:

Other colleges attended:

Hours Completed by March 1:

Major:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

County:

Primary Phone:

Secondary Phone:

Email Address:

Parents' Names and Title:

Birthdate:

1. Please provide a statement of your interest in food animal medicine. (Use allotted space)

2. Please provide a personal statement for the committee to know you better. (Use allotted space)

3. Please describe your career goals. (Use allotted space)

4. Please provide a statement listing your food animal experience. (Use allotted space)

5. Please provide a statement listing your extracurricular activities. (Use allotted space)

6. Please describe any internship, study abroad, research or work experience that you have participated in which relates to food animals and or veterinary medicine. (Use allotted space)

7. Provide two (2) letters of support. One must be from a practicing veterinarian. References letters must accompany your application.

8. Please attach your current resume to your application.

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*Sign and date your application stating that you have read the program requirements found online at <http://students.caes.uga.edu/undergraduate/pre-professional/FAVIP.cfm> and if selected agree to these terms.*

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Finalists will be invited to interview with the FAVIP Selection Committee after April 18.*

**Submit your completed application pack to:  
Food Animal VIP  
c/o CAES Academic Affairs  
The University of Georgia  
Room 102 Conner Hall  
Athens, GA 30602-7502**

**Any questions or problems with this form contact us at [discover@uga.edu](mailto:discover@uga.edu)**

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