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Veterinary Studies at
the University of Edinburgh
in partnership with the
University of Alberta

Open to
the world

Welcome

I am delighted that you are considering the University of Edinburgh to study veterinary medicine. I hope you find this guide useful when making what is, undoubtedly, a life-changing decision.

At Edinburgh, we are committed to offering you an outstanding higher educational experience; one we believe will shape your future beyond measure. We have a responsibility to ensure we provide you with the very best.

The School of Veterinary Medicine provides specialist teaching by academics who are at the forefront of their fields. Our research division is the Roslin Institute, which aims to enhance the lives of animals and humans through world-class research in animal biology.

Your educational experience at Edinburgh will be transformative. Our internationally accredited programme and diversity of learning experiences will set you apart with the latest knowledge, global perspectives, research-informed skills and well-practised expertise required for professional success.

As a future graduate, you can access a range of excellent careers and employability services. From dedicated support delivered at a local level to a broad range of internship options and

the opportunity to engage with alumni internationally, we will equip and prepare you for a global employment market.

Good luck with your preparation towards fulfilling your dream of studying veterinary medicine. You will be warmly welcomed as part of our family.

Our dedicated admissions team is ready to support you in your applicant journey. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us; we will do all we can to help.

I wish you every success with your studies and hope to welcome you to Edinburgh in the near future.



Professor David Argyle
Head of School



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Choose us

ACCREDITED WORLDWIDE



INTERNATIONAL LEADER

in veterinary education, research
and practice



Our accreditation allows our
graduates to practise in the UK,
North America, Europe, South Africa,
Australasia and beyond*

93% of graduates in work or further
study 6 months after graduation

*additional exam may be required



GROUNDBREAKING

Home to the renowned Roslin Institute,
where Dolly the Sheep was created

1st in UK for agriculture, food and
veterinary science research together
with SRUC (REF 2021)

WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES



Purpose-built modern campus
nestled against the Pentland Hills
Regional Park

Highest concentration of animal
science expertise in Europe.

THE POWER OF THREE



The unique offering of excellence in
teaching, research and clinical care make
up the three pillars of the Royal (Dick)
School of Veterinary Studies.

CONSISTENTLY TOP-RATED

1st in UK for Veterinary Science
(Guardian league Tables)

1st in UK for Veterinary Science
(Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide)

2nd in UK for Veterinary Science
(Shanghai Rankings)

2nd in UK for Veterinary Science
(QS World Rankings)



The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies

The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, founded in 1823 by William Dick, is recognised as an international leader in veterinary education, research and practice, and is consistently ranked as one of the top schools in the United Kingdom and globally.

The School is a one-of-a-kind centre of excellence in clinical activity, teaching and research. Our purpose-built campus, set against the backdrop of the beautiful Pentland Hills Regional Park, is home to more than 800 staff and almost 1,400 students, all of whom contribute to our exceptional community ethos.

The School comprises:

- The Roslin Institute
- The Hospital for Small Animals
- Equine Veterinary Services
- Farm Animal Services
- Easter Bush Pathology
- The Jeanne Marchig International Centre for Animal Welfare Education
- The Roslin Innovation Centre
- The Global Academy of Agriculture and Food Systems

We represent the largest concentration of animal science-related expertise in Europe, impacting local, regional, national and international communities in terms of economic growth, the provision of clinical services and the advancement of scientific knowledge. All of these factors allow us to continue to attract the highest calibre of teaching staff, scientists and clinicians in order to foster and enhance our collaborative environment, which sustains and expands our links with partners and industry.

£275,000,000+

Has been invested in the Easter Bush Campus.

Our notable vet alumni are founders of veterinary schools in:

Canada | USA | UK
Ireland and Australia



The University of Edinburgh

The University has been influencing the world since 1583. We have a long history of making a difference, but it isn't one we take for granted. To this day, we strive to deliver excellence and help address tomorrow's greatest challenges.

You can't plan on changing the world without starting small. It takes an inquisitive mind and a curious nature. It takes a stimulating teacher with the passion and enthusiasm to light the fire of a

subject in your mind. It takes the confidence to challenge and be challenged, instead of just accepting the status quo.

We believe everyone deserves an equal opportunity to study. We welcome students from all over the world, who represent diverse experiences, backgrounds and cultures.

For more than 400 years, our students and staff have been influencing and changing the world for the better. Now it's your turn.

1583

The year the University of Edinburgh was founded

26,700+

Undergraduate students

7,400+

International students from 160 countries

Top sporting university

in Scotland, with world-class facilities

43,300+

students in attendance

30

Libraries

5

Galleries & Museums

200+

Student Societies



Our Campus

The Easter Bush Campus is a purpose-built home for veterinary teaching, research and practice. Set against the idyllic backdrop of the Pentland Hills Regional Park, the Campus lies seven miles south of the city centre. It is easily accessible by bus (see page 30) and has ample free car parking facilities.

For a virtual tour of the campus, visit:

www.edin.ac/vet-ug-our-campus

01. Bumstead Building
02. Farm Animal Teaching Farm land
03. Hospital for Small Animals
04. William Dick Teaching Building
05. Farriery
06. Charnock Bradley Building
07. Global Academy of Agriculture and Food Systems
08. Equine Hospital and Practice
09. Farm Animal Reception
10. The Roslin Institute
11. Teaching Horses
12. Equine Surgery and Critical Care Unit
13. Greenwood Building
14. Paddock
15. Children's Nursery
16. Sheep Farm Building



An aerial photograph of the University of Edinburgh campus and its surrounding landscape. The image shows a mix of green fields, brown harvested fields, and dense forests. In the foreground, the university buildings are visible, including a large modern building with a glass facade. The background features rolling hills under a clear sky. Several blue circular markers with white numbers are placed across the image, indicating specific sustainability features. The text on the right side of the image describes the university's commitment to sustainability and lists various initiatives.

The University of Edinburgh and the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies are committed to sustainability. With electric car charging points, hedgehog tunnels, recycling initiatives, an apiary for bees, allotments, shower facilities for bike commuters and bike safety checks, as well as a recently completed solar farm, we're proud to call Easter Bush a sustainable campus.

Learn more: www.edin.ac/eb-sustainability

Facilities

Our students benefit from a modern campus, with state-of-the-art facilities purpose-built for veterinary teaching and learning.

Study Landscape

The Study Landscape is a large space designed for individual and group study. It has interactive displays that enable students to support their learning and build familiarity with items such as animal models, medicine boxes, animal feeds and other items they may encounter in practice.



Post-mortem room

Featuring a viewing facility for students with a two-way intercom, the post-mortem room is designed to allow specimens of all sizes to be accommodated. It has powerful ceiling tracks to transport them to and from the dissection rooms, and links to changing facilities with lockers for the students. Here you will learn practical pathology, and can observe the complex and unusual post-mortems the School undertakes for veterinary centres, zoos, farms and private owners across Scotland and Northern England.

Farm

The School has a 240-cow dairy herd nearby at Langhill Farm, as well as a sheep flock at Easter Bush. Here, students will learn all aspects of looking after farm animals in a commercial farm environment, and prepare for work experience (Extra-Mural Studies) as part of the undergraduate veterinary course.



Dissection Room

Most practical anatomy lessons take place in the Dissection Room. It is a versatile space, with tables that can be moved around for group or individual study and screens for students to view closely what the lecturer is describing or demonstrating. The room is home to an extensive library of specimens, bones and skeletons, for use in class or individual study.



Library

Our library provides students with quiet space for study and rooms to hire for quiet group work. It is supported by a specialist library staff and is home to many journals and books, in addition to document and poster printing facilities.



Clinical Skills Lab

The Clinical Skills Lab facilitates the development of clinical skills with models, live animals and people. It is here that students, particularly in their early years, will learn the basics of animal handling, customer communication and clinical techniques.



Why not take a virtual tour
of our campus?



Lecture theatres and classrooms

Our lecture theatres have large whiteboards, inbuilt audio and projection screen facilities, in addition to charging points on the tables for electronic devices. We have numerous classrooms and study rooms to suit groups of all sizes, some designed for practical and some for theoretical study. All our lecture theatres and classrooms are linked to our lecture recording system, which enables students to review lectures online in their own time.



Clinical hospitals

Later-year students observe, treat and carry out clinical procedures under supervision in our clinical hospitals, learning from companion animal and specialist veterinary surgeons. Learn more about our hospitals on page 13.



Learning resources and support

Student support

Going to university can be a daunting experience, especially if moving overseas and/or away from friends and family. In recognition of this, the School provides strong student support services, and fosters a close-knit community of students and staff.

We have a dedicated Student Support Officer on campus who is available to our students for any support issues and can offer help, guidance and someone to listen when needed. Students at the University of Edinburgh are supported by the Edinburgh University Students' Association – see page 14 for more information.

Each of our students belongs to one of 10 'Houses' named after the Pentland Hills that surround the campus (Allermuir, Caerketton, Capelaw, Castlelaw, Turnhouse, Carnethy, Scald Law, West Kip, East Cairn and Spittal). Each house has a senior tutor who, with their team of staff, looks after students in their house as part of our award-winning student support system.

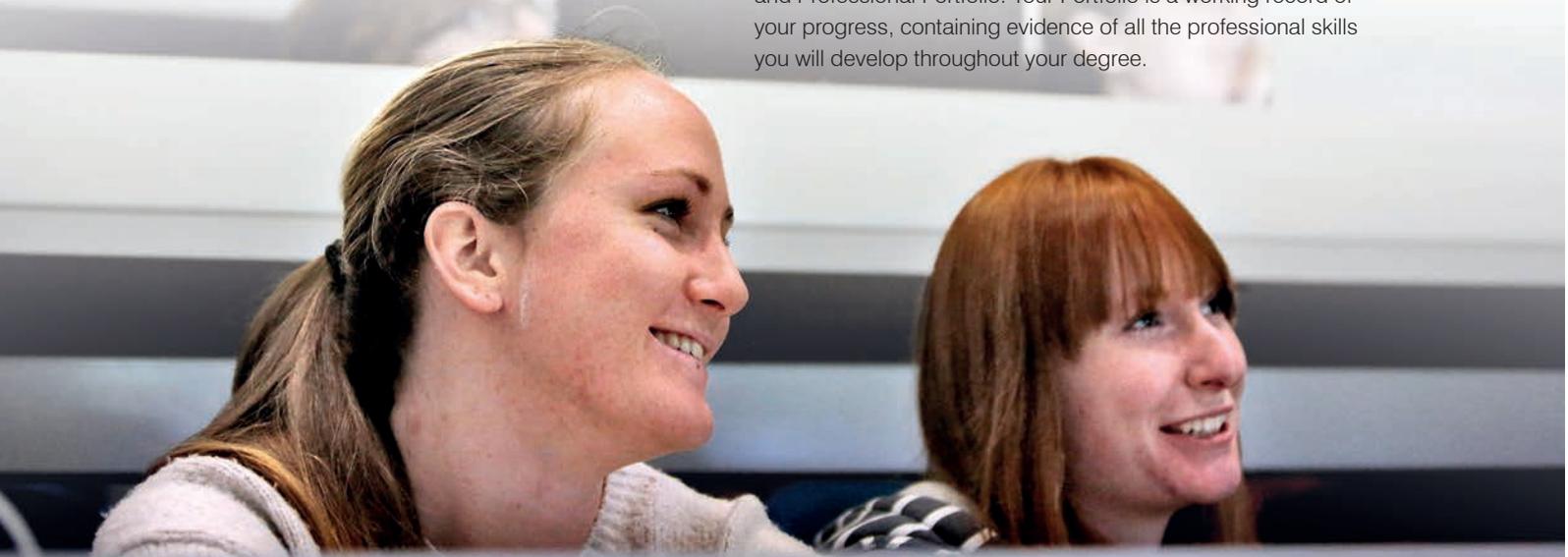
Learning resources

We offer dedicated study skills advice, through drop-in and individual bookable sessions. Typically, during these sessions, current methods will be reviewed and alternative strategies suggested. Often students find just small changes can make a big difference to their enjoyment and success at university.

Most lectures are recorded and made available to students online immediately, enabling enhanced knowledge and skill development, and more effective revision. We also offer workshops and other learning events where students can try out new skills and perfect their techniques.

VetPALS is our peer-assisted learning model, which provides student-to-student support systems. It enables senior students to facilitate discussion on specific topics with junior students, which has proven to be highly effective.

On joining the programme, each student will be assigned a personal tutor, who will support the development of their Personal and Professional Portfolio. Your Portfolio is a working record of your progress, containing evidence of all the professional skills you will develop throughout your degree.



Our clinical services



Farm Animal Services

The R(D)SVS Farm Animal Practice operates a first opinion practice serving dairy, beef, sheep, pig and camelid farms in Edinburgh and the Lothians. We also operate referral services where vets in private practice can send in patients for specialist investigations and surgery, such as lame pedigree bulls. The Dairy Herd Health and Productivity Service (DHHS) has provided specialist farm animal advisory services since 1977, focusing on nutritional monitoring and improvement of herd/flock health.



Dick Vet Equine

The Dick Vet Equine Hospital is the most advanced equine hospital in Scotland, with more specialists under one roof than anywhere else in the country. It provides routine and emergency care for all equidae (horses, donkeys and mules) and surgical services for some other species including large exotic species, alpacas and farm animals.

We also operate a first opinion practice serving Edinburgh, the Lothians, parts of the Borders, Lanarkshire and Fife.

Our specialist services include soft tissue and orthopaedic surgery, dentistry, internal medicine, diagnostic imaging, poor performance, neurology, behaviour, ophthalmology, interventional cardiology, anaesthesia, specialist farriery, acupuncture, and physiotherapy to name but a few.

We are the Scottish training centre for the large animal rescue initiative, training and providing expertise to vets and the emergency services in casualty-centred rescue.

The Hospital for Small Animals and Dick Vet General Practice

The Dick Vet provides routine and emergency care for dogs, cats, small mammals, birds and exotic animals. We are one of the most advanced facilities in Scotland, and our staff have won multiple awards for excellence in clinical care. Encompassing a referral hospital and a general practice, we are home to a fantastic array of specialist services—including specialist cardiology, ophthalmology, orthopaedic, soft tissue surgery, oncology, neurology, dentistry, behaviour, dermatology, internal medicine and exotics clinics together with Emergency and Critical care. These admitting disciplines are supported by diagnostic imaging, anaesthesia, interventional radiography and physiotherapy services.



Your student experience

EUSA

As soon as you join the University, you'll be welcomed into the Edinburgh University Students' Association (EUSA), which works on your behalf to ensure you have the best possible experience during your time here.

EUSA is led by five elected students (sabbatical officers) and maintains a Student Council. You will be represented by elected college, school and programme representatives, and by Black and minority ethnic, disabled students', LGBT+, and women's officers. EUSA supports more than 290 student-led societies and volunteering groups, from the A Cappella and Business societies, to the Yoga and Zoology societies.

EUSA facilities include a world-class centre for student activities at the iconic Pleasance complex, which includes dance studios, a multipurpose performance space, TV and radio production studios and a café and bar. Their venues deliver award-winning food and drink and hundreds of events throughout the year; from language cafés to silent discos and from ceilidhs to food fairs.

DVSU, on-campus activities and support

The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies is also host to a variety of clubs and societies, and has its own Students' Union, the DVSU.

The School hosts several events throughout the year where students and staff come together to celebrate. These range from the annual Pre-Burns Night supper to the Halloween party. These events are just one example of the many ways the School includes all its students and makes them feel more like a family.

Sports and fitness

The Easter Bush Campus is home to a fantastic gym, and students can attend a range of fitness classes on campus.

Whether you're a recreational gym user or a performance athlete going for gold, the University of Edinburgh's world-class sport and fitness offering caters for you. We've long been recognised as one of the UK's leading sporting universities, consistently finishing in the top four of the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) rankings.

Our central gym at the Pleasance is top-of-the-range, and joins our campus gym facilities (including those at the Vet School), swimming pool, playing fields and the outdoor pursuits centre at Loch Tay to form a comprehensive package of fitness facilities.

With more than 60 sports clubs made up of more than 200 teams, we offer something for everyone. Our clubs offer regular coaching, training, tips and competition, both locally and nationally, with opportunities to participate and/ or compete most days of the week. We run Scotland's largest intramural sports programme, offering informal leagues, tournaments and fun events, alongside a pioneering 'EDex' come and try programme in an array of sports.

“ The best gym we've ever used.”

Dr Nick Gill
Head of Strength and Conditioning,
New Zealand All Blacks Rugby



Accommodation

We realise you need more than just a place to live. You need an environment in which you can thrive. That's why we guarantee accommodation for as many new undergraduates as possible. If you're from outside Edinburgh, intending to study for the full academic year, and apply by the deadline, our accommodation guarantee is open to you.

The University is an integral part of the city. You'll be learning, and living, just a short walk or bus ride from the city centre of one of Europe's most vibrant capitals. Our undergraduate accommodation is in the city centre, and typically includes:

- All heating, hot water and electricity costs
- Wi-fi in your study-bedroom and in common areas
- Contents insurance
- Secure bike storage
- Laundry facilities

Excellent transport links exist between student accommodation and the Easter Bush Campus – and student bus passes are subsidised. Once you accept your offer to study at the University of Edinburgh, our accommodation team will be in touch to provide you with details on what packages are available.

Semester dates for BVM&S students are slightly different. This will impact students in catered accommodation options where meals are served during regular term time.



BVM&S semester dates:

www.ed.ac.uk/vet/staff-students/students/semester-dates

University semester dates:

www.ed.ac.uk/semester-dates

Some of our students choose to find their own accommodation through private landlords. Rent varies, but you should make sure you compare to other rental prices and see the accommodation before signing or paying any money. Consider visiting the city before you move here, and look at bus routes to make sure your neighbourhood will offer easy access to the School.

For students completing the four-year Graduate Entry Programme (GEP), which has an earlier start date, University-owned flats are available from early August and cover the whole academic year. Located 10-15 minutes' walk from the central University buildings and convenient for buses to Easter Bush, these flats are self-catered with single study bedrooms and shared facilities. Students also have the option to be placed over the summer in University catered accommodation before moving into Halls or private accommodation in September.

For the latest information on all accommodation matters, go to

www.accom.ed.ac.uk



Welcome to the City of Edinburgh

Scotland's inspiring capital will be the backdrop to your studies. One of Europe's great cultural hubs and a stimulating place to study, Edinburgh is an irresistible blend of history, natural beauty and modern city life.

Sometimes known as 'the Athens of the North' because of its stunning, historic architecture, Edinburgh is home to two UNESCO World Heritage Sites and was the world's first UNESCO City of Literature.

Large enough to offer something for everyone, but small enough to feel like home, Edinburgh is a modern, sophisticated and beautiful European city with a diverse multicultural community. Well known for its friendly people, its safe, green environment and its compact size,

Edinburgh is easy to get around and get out of – wherever you are in the city you are never far from open countryside.

Edinburgh's location is perfect for adventurers, with diverse and readily accessible opportunities from snowboarding to surfing. A single day could see you hillwalking in the morning, lazing on the beach in the afternoon, and enjoying the treasures of the medieval lanes or Michelin-starred restaurants by night.

In the summer months the pace of city life accelerates as Edinburgh's world-famous annual festivals get under way. The city hosts 30 festivals each year, which attract almost four million visitors to the city, and many of them take place either on campus or near to the University, making for a vibrant addition to student life.

Around 100,000 students call Edinburgh home, giving the city a unique buzz and ensuring you'll be in good company. The friends you meet, places you discover and the lasting memories you create will

contribute as much to your university experience as your formal learning.

Edinburgh International Airport puts the rest of the world within reach – Paris is just an hour and a half away – with direct flights to most major cities in Europe and a host of destinations worldwide.

Within the UK, Edinburgh makes an ideal location from which to explore – London is just four hours away by train while a two-hour jaunt north puts you at the heart of the Scottish Highlands.

“Edinburgh is one of Europe's most beautiful cities, draped across a series of rocky hills overlooking the sea”

Lonely Planet



...and beyond

From its Highlands and islands to its Lowland borders, Scotland is a country of breathtaking natural beauty. For a country of its size, there is surprising variety in Scotland's terrain, from towering mountains to dense woodland glens. It has more than 6,000 miles of coastline, almost 800 offshore islands and more than 31,000 freshwater lochs. This is a country steeped in history yet firmly focused on the future – a modern, dynamic, European nation where the life sciences, creative industries, digital technology, energy and renewables, financial and business services and, yes, tourism now drive our economy.

“It is one of the most hauntingly beautiful places in the world.”

JK Rowling

Best-selling author and alumna of the University of Edinburgh



Veterinary Studies at the University of Edinburgh



University of Alberta students who successfully complete three years of study in either

BSc in Animal Health
Companion & Performance
Animals Major

BSc in Animal Health
Food Animals Major

BSc in Animal Health
Animal Science Major

are eligible to apply to the four-year Graduate Entry Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery programme (BVM&S) offered by the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies.

Students successfully completing the BVM&S via this pathway are eligible to transfer up to 30 credits (★30) towards eligible degree programmes offered by the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences (ALES) at the University of Alberta. Specific ALES degree programme requirements are outlined on the next page.

To be eligible to apply you must be at least in your second year of study at UoA, achieving good grades in all Major Courses and be on track to obtain an overall GPA of 3.4 or above (on a 4 point scale) by the end of the third year of your BSc.

We also look for evidence of relevant animal handling experience.

Selected applicants will be invited to attend an interview in December - February and will be informed about the outcome of their interview and overall application in early March.

The University of Edinburgh reserves the right to make final judgement on the admissibility of each applicant.

Interested students should contact:
ALES Student Services
2-06 Agriculture-Forestry Centre
questions.ales@ualberta.ca
780-492-4933

3+4 Route

UoA BSc & University of Edinburgh Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery

Successful completion of first
of BSc at University of A



UAlberta Completion Requirements

Credits from the BVM&S at the University of Edinburgh can be transferred to the University of Alberta for up to ★30 for the following courses:

BSc in Animal Health Companion & Performance Animals Major	BSc in Animal Health Food Animals Major	BSc in Agriculture Animal Science Major
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMIN 200 • AN SC 376 • One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AN SC 411 • AFNS 416 • BIOL 409 • AN SC 464 • AN SC 499 • Up to ★15 Approved Program Electives • Up to ★9 Free Electives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMIN 200 • AN SC 376 • One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AN SC 411 • AFNS 416 • BIOL 409 • One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AN SC 461 • AFNS 462 • AN SC 499 • Up to ★12 Approved Program Electives • Up to ★9 Free Electives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AN SC 461 • AFNS 462 • One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AN SC 471 • AN SC 472 • AN SC 474 • AN SC 476 • AN SC 479 • Up to ★21 Approved Program Electives • Up to ★12 Free Electives

Course codes and titles may change, so please check with your UoA advisor.

at three years
Alberta

Four years in Veterinary Medicine at the
University of Edinburgh

The Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery

The first year of our four-year Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVM&S) programme, known as the GEP year, is tailored to cover key areas of integrated anatomy and physiology in a case-based format with additional courses on introductory pathology, infectious disease, animal husbandry and population medicine. Following successful completion of the first year of the programme, GEP students then join the third year of the five-year BVM&S course.

Students are taught about large animals, small companion animals, exotics and wildlife to become omni-competent vets. This style of degree allows you to broaden your understanding of different species, diversifies your career prospects and provides you with a level of flexibility to specialise at a later stage if you wish.

During the Foundation phase of the programme students learn about the normal function of the animal body, from the cell level to the entire organism. Practical, hands-on experience as well as clinical and professional skills are taught from the first year.

The clinical years of the programme build on the previous phase to learn about disease and treatment, with species-specific integrated courses as well as

a focus on pathology, pharmacology and veterinary public health. Final year comprises clinical rotations in our on-site hospital facilities, giving students real-life exposure to the work they will be undertaking following graduation.

Extra-Mural Studies

Our programmes also include Extra-Mural Studies (EMS). This core element provides our students with an unrivalled opportunity to gain real-life work experience whilst studying.

EMS placements allow students to further practise their animal handling and clinical skills, as well as increasing their confidence, work experience and providing valuable insight into the world of work.

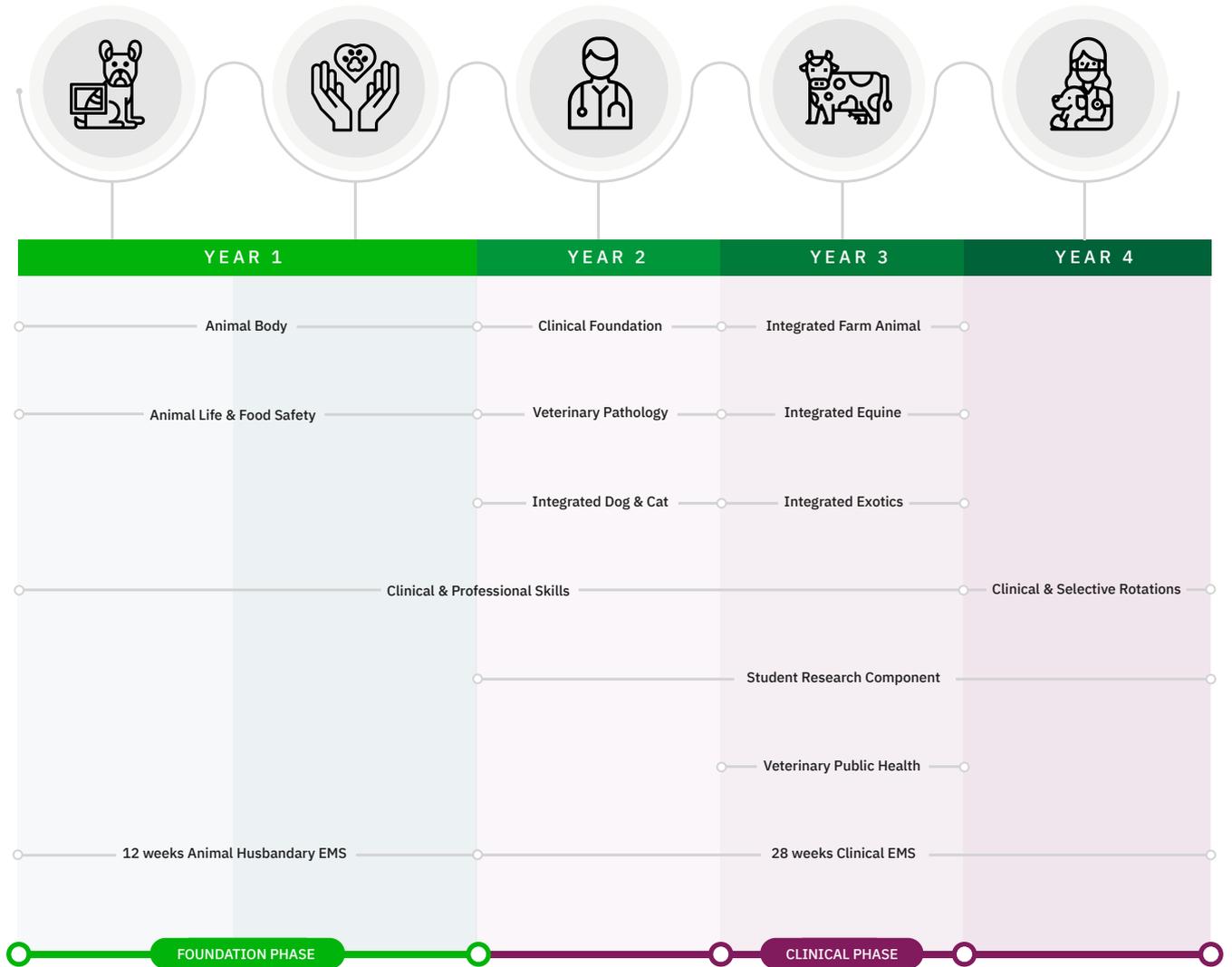
We have a team that supports our students during their EMS and provides guidance in finding appropriate placements. EMS opportunities are advertised on the student intranet, but in some cases, students find their own. We also have a number of partnerships across the world, providing our students with unique and rare opportunities to gain amazing work experience.

Our graduates are able to hit the ground running, having developed their day one competencies whilst on EMS placements during their degree.

Further information

More on the 4 Year programme:
www.edin.ac/bvms-4year

Find out more about EMS:
www.edin.ac/bvms-ems



Admission to the programme

To be eligible to apply you must be on track to have an overall GPA of 3.4 or above by the end of your third year of study at the University of Alberta and achieve good grades in your science classes. We also look for evidence of relevant animal handling experience.

Provided you meet these criteria, and subsequent to application, you will be invited for interview. If you are then offered a place, you must successfully pass the first years of your degree and meet our English language requirements (if applicable).

You are required to pass all of the science modules which make up the first years of your programme.

You should consult with your UoA advisor to ensure that you continue to meet requirements for your UoA BSc degree.

Work Experience

We do not request specific types of work experience or state days/weeks required, as it depends to some extent on the opportunities available to you. The broader your experience the better, but you should not gain experience to the detriment of your academic studies. You should, however, gain both veterinary practice and animal work experience.

Health Questionnaire

All applicants with an Unconditional Firm offer will be required to complete the health questionnaire prior to entry onto the programme. This is regardless of whether a disability or health condition was declared on application or not, and enrolment is subject to Health Clearance.

Interview

All selected applicants will be required to attend a multiple mini interview (MMI). These are normally arranged between December and March each year. The aim of our selection interviews is to measure aptitude as part of a holistic assessment of candidates.

What Happens Next?

Successful applicants will receive an offer of a place by the end of March. Please note that if your offer advises you to gain additional work experience this is not a condition of the offer, but simply a recommendation in order to fully prepare you for starting the degree.

Your offer will state the conditions for you to meet. These will include completion of your initial studies to the required standard, and achievement of English Language Requirements (if applicable).

Upon accepting your offer, you will need to pay a deposit of £1,500 by 10 May. This will be deducted from your first year's tuition, and is only refundable in the event that you fail to meet offer conditions.

English Language Requirements

If English is not your first language, you will need to meet the University's required standard of English. Below is a list of some of the typical English language qualifications we accept. If you have an alternative qualification not listed below, please contact our admissions team (see page 29).

- IELTS Academic module overall 7.0 with 7.0 in each component
- TOEFL-iBT 100 or above with 23 in each section. We do not accept TOEFL MyBest Score
- IGCSE English (First language) Grade B
- Cambridge English: Advanced & Proficiency overall 185 with 185 in each component
- Trinity ISE: ISE III with a pass in all four components

Immigration

A Student Route visa (previously Tier 4) is required to enter the UK as an international student. You are issued with a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number once you have accepted your offer and have met all conditions. A CAS allows you to start your visa application.

You can apply 6 months prior to the start date of the course. You should apply for a visa as soon as you receive the CAS as it is a busy time of year for UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI).

Included in the overall cost of your visa is the Immigration Healthcare Surcharge (IHS), which allows you to access medical care while in the UK.

Veterinary medicine is a very demanding programme but some of our students work alongside it. We encourage students to learn to manage their time alongside their studies before taking on any part-time work. The Student Route visa will allow students to work up to 20 hours per week, but the University recommends no more than 15.

For further information and guidance, you can refer to our website: www.ed.ac.uk/student-administration/immigration

Health Questionnaire

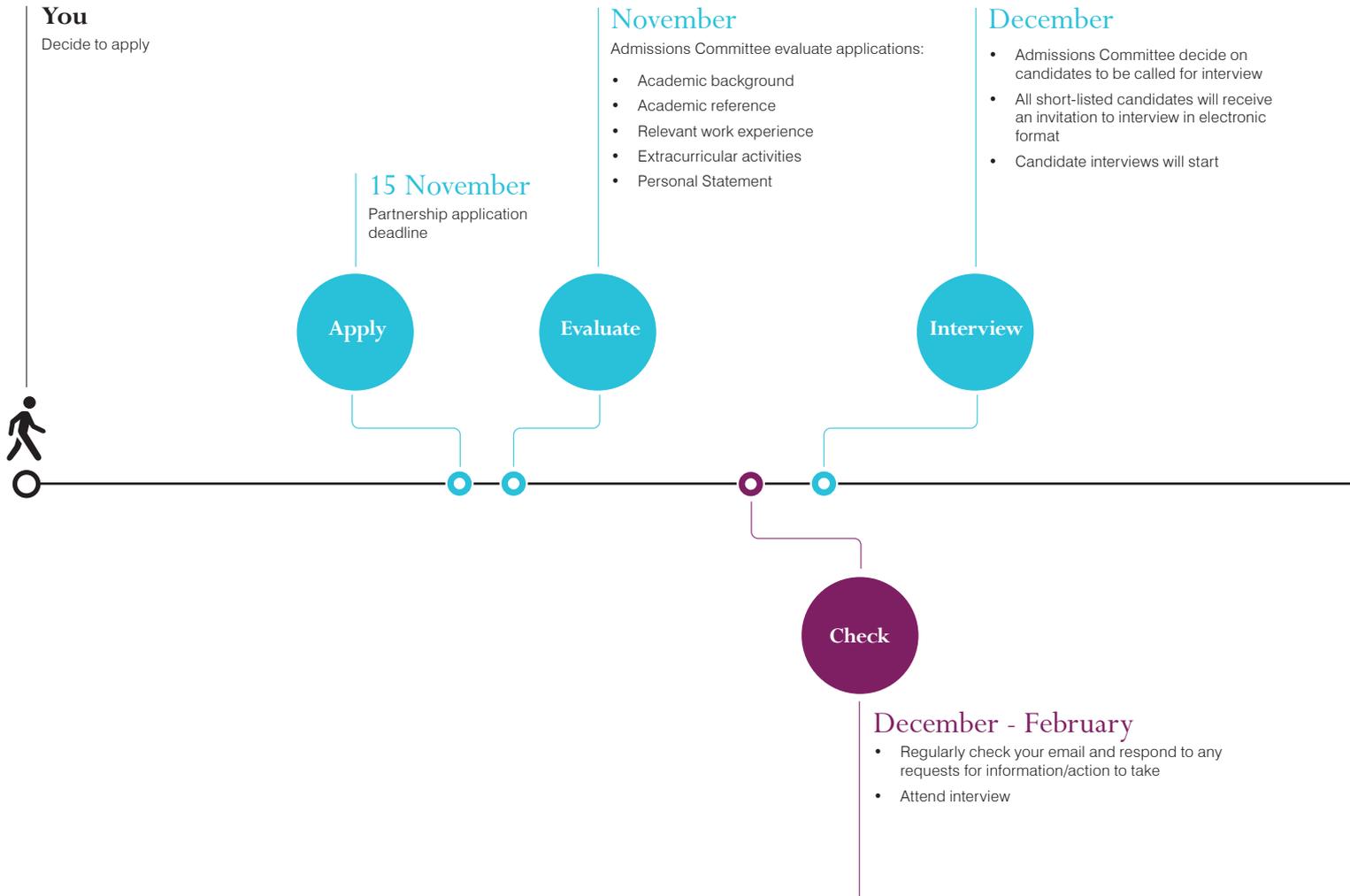
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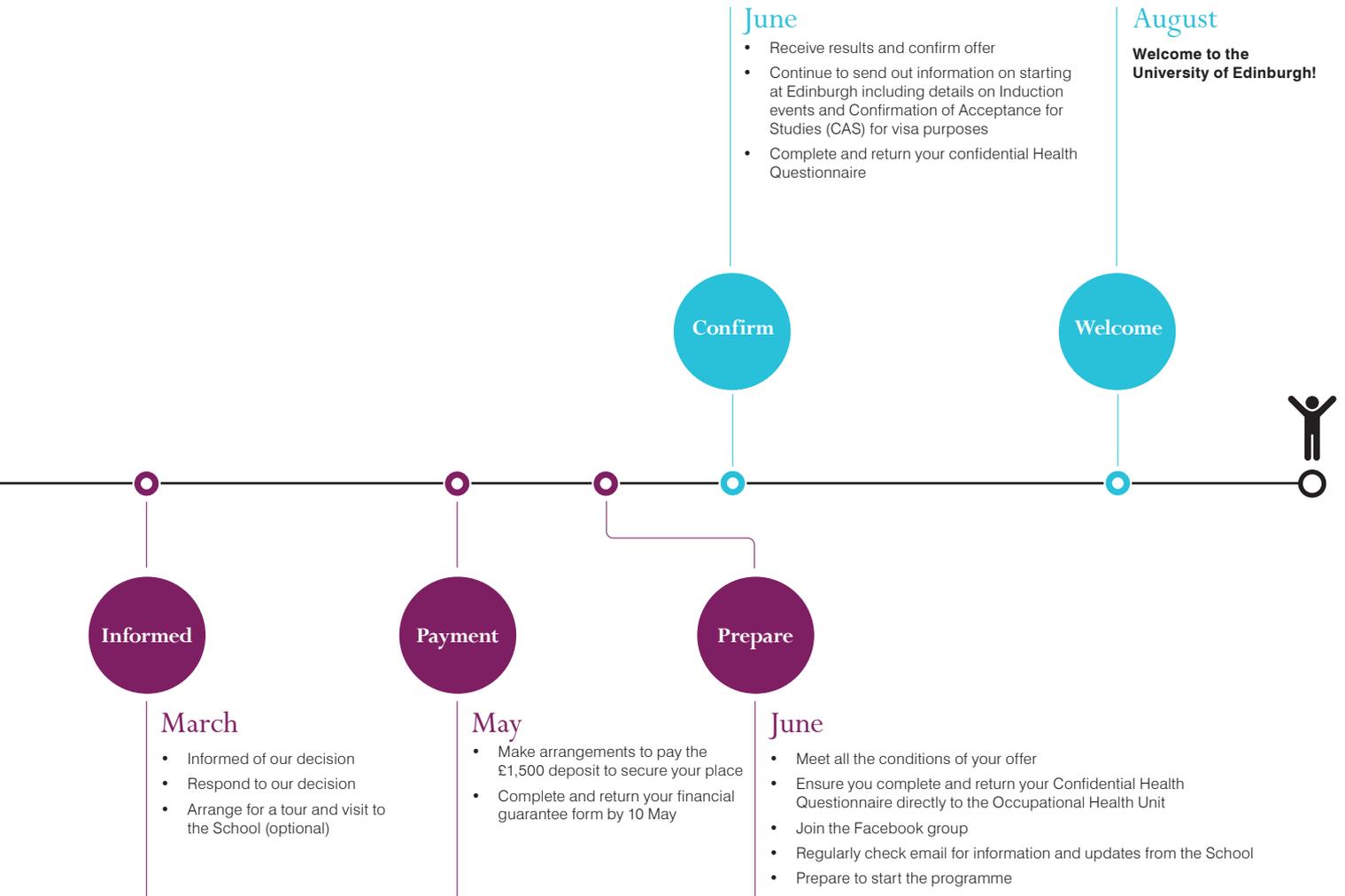
Healthcare

Once students arrive in Edinburgh, it is important to find a family doctor (General Practitioner or GP) as soon as possible. Once you have found a GP, you should contact the doctor's practice to make an appointment to register as a National Health Service (NHS) patient.

The University Health Centre provides comprehensive medical care for those who wish to register as patients of the practice, and who live within the practice area. The practice is located at the Richard Verney Health Centre at 6 Bristo Square. However, you can register at any practice that accepts NHS patients.

Admissions cycle





Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Diversity is about empowering people and respecting what makes them different – whether this be their ethnicity, socio-economic background, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental health, or religion.

Visit our dedicated pages for useful resources and content for pre-vet students from diverse communities under-represented in vet medicine.

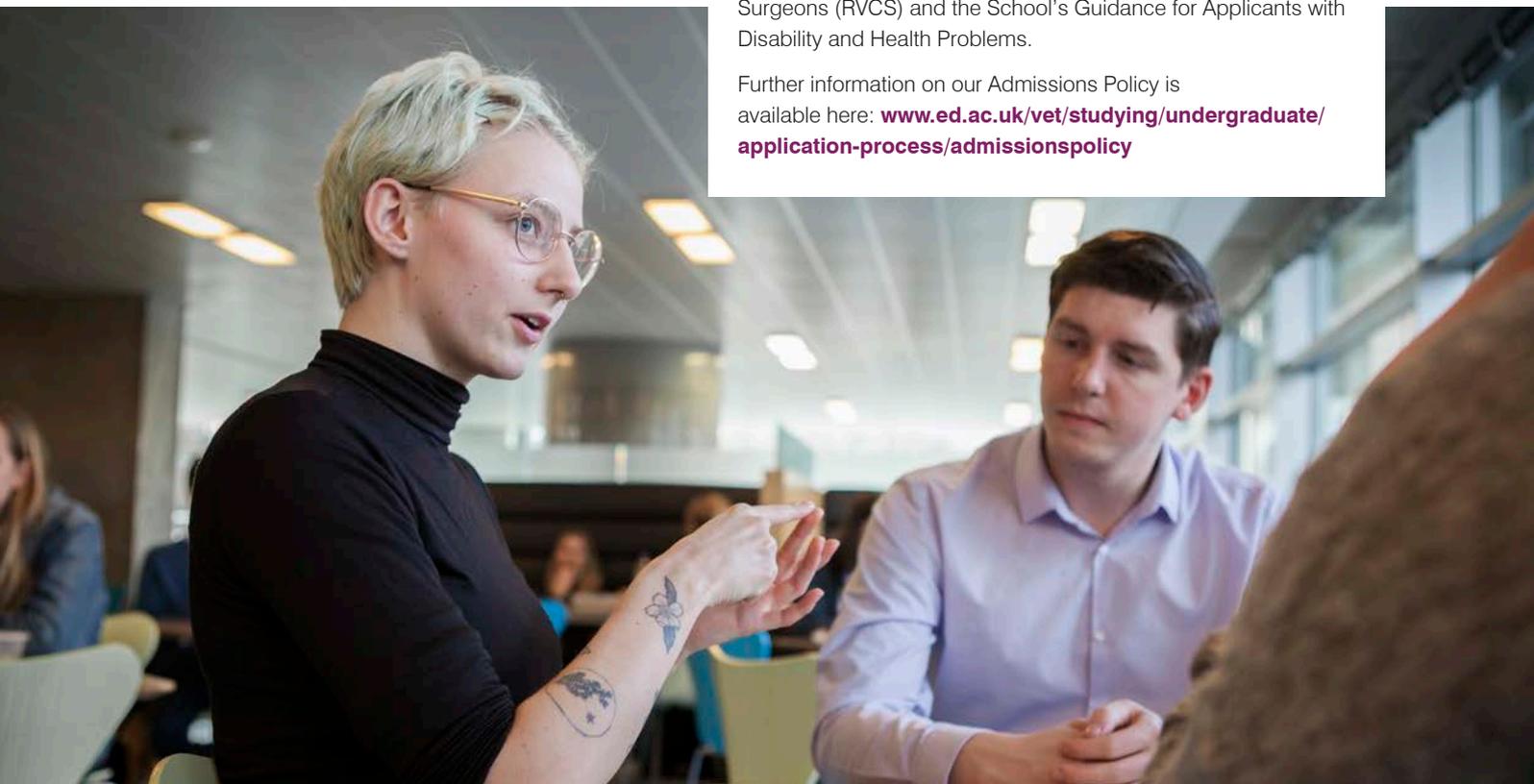
www.ed.ac.uk/vet/studying/undergraduate/diversity

Applicants with Disabilities, Health Problems and Allergies

The University and School are committed to encouraging and supporting applicants with disabilities, health problems and allergies. Veterinary medicine is a practical subject and students must be able to handle and examine all animals safely and humanely, and to ensure the safety of themselves and involved personnel. Veterinary training is very demanding, emotionally and physically.

If you have health problems or a disability that may have an impact on your ability to cope with the programme, work with animals or carry out any other practical procedures, you should refer to guidance available from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RVCS) and the School's Guidance for Applicants with Disability and Health Problems.

Further information on our Admissions Policy is available here: www.ed.ac.uk/vet/studying/undergraduate/application-process/admissionspolicy



Careers

On graduation, the majority of vets start their careers in general practice, although many will continue with further studies.

Practice could be companion animal (pets), farm animal, equine (horses) or 'mixed'. You might also get the opportunity to work with exotic animals that are kept as pets, in zoos or in the wild. Work in the veterinary profession is highly rewarding, but also very demanding.

There are career opportunities in a number of areas:

General Practice

The veterinary surgeon is responsible for the prevention of disease and for the medical and surgical treatment of animals including household pets, zoo animals, farm animals and horses. Opportunities exist in practices that specialise in small animals, food-producing animals, equine work or in mixed practices dealing with both small and large animals. Many veterinary surgeons working in practice choose to further their knowledge by studying for additional qualifications.

Veterinary Teaching and Research

Veterinary researchers play a vital role in advancing our understanding of diseases. Research in veterinary sciences enhances the health, welfare and usefulness of both food producing and companion animals. It safeguards the public from diseases spread from animals in food and by other means. By comparative investigations, it helps us understand and manage human disease, for example in cancer, genetics, reproduction and infections. Research is undertaken at university veterinary schools and at research institutes, departments financed by Government, in laboratories and by private enterprise. Many careers in research span the interface between human and veterinary medicine.

Find out where some of graduates work:

www.ed.ac.uk/vet/studying/undergraduate/student-experience/graduate-profiles

Government Service

Numerous opportunities exist within the public sector. Veterinary surgeons are involved in protecting public health in government departments and agencies such as the State Veterinary Service, the Food Standards Agency, the Meat Hygiene Service, the Veterinary Laboratories Agency and the Veterinary Medicines Directorate. The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs employs vets to monitor animal health and to prevent the spread of diseases.

Other Opportunities

Other opportunities exist in commerce and industry such as in pharmaceutical companies, in international and overseas organisations, and in consultancies and charities. The veterinarian's broad scientific training is also of value in areas such as wildlife and environmental conservation.

Learn more about the University's Career Services:

www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/careers

Work in the UK as an International Student

Students on Student Route visas can remain in the UK for four months after their programme ends. Should they wish to remain and practise in the UK, students can apply for the Graduate Route visa which allows students to live and work in the UK for up to two years. For more information on career prospects please contact our Careers Service. For information about visa options for working in the UK after studies please contact our Student Immigration Service.

Careers Service: www.ed.ac.uk/careers

Student Immigration Service:

www.ed.ac.uk/student-administration/immigration/working-in-the-uk/after-studies

Money

Tuition Fees

The annual tuition fee for the Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVM&S) degree is fixed for the full duration of the course. All graduates (UK included) and international candidates (excluding applicants from the Republic of Ireland with Home fee status) are considered on a full fee basis only.

For up-to-date tuition fee information, refer to the following website: www.ed.ac.uk/tuition-fees/find/undergraduate

Payment of Fees

At Edinburgh, we recognise that students need flexibility when paying fees. We provide a range of payment options to suit everyone. The fee can either be paid in full, or spread over manageable instalments by Direct Debit.

For more information refer to the Payment Options website: www.ed.ac.uk/finance/students/fees

Scholarships

The University offers a number of scholarships for international students. The School also offers two scholarships for overseas students beginning their studies on the BVM&S. Each scholarship is worth £5,000 per year and is tenable for the duration of their degree programme, subject to satisfactory progress.

Further details are available on the Scholarships and Student Funding Service website: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/undergraduate

Living Costs

We estimate students will need between £750–£1,500 per month for living costs, including room and board. In addition to these expenses, you will also need to consider initial, annual and miscellaneous costs (deposits, bedding, textbooks, insurance, travel, etc).

The most up-to-date information on estimated living costs is available on the University website: www.ed.ac.uk/students/new-students/finances/student-living-costs

Additional Costs

A monthly bus pass to cover all travel to and from the campus, as well as transport across the city, will cost around £540 per year, which the School will subsidise proportionally in line with your year of study. If you are under 22 years old, you may be eligible for free bus travel.

To find out more visit: www.transport.gov.scot/concessory-travel/young-persons-free-bus-travel-scheme/

US Federal Loans

Eligible students can apply for US Government Student Loans. The University of Edinburgh is an approved Title IV institution for the purpose of administering these loans. Our School Code is G06839, which sometimes appears as 006839.

Visit our website for more information: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/financial-support/student-loans/usa

For further information on US Loans you can contact the Financial Aid Office on studentfunding@ed.ac.uk

Canadian Student Loans

The University of Edinburgh is a recognised institution for the purpose of certifying Canadian Student Loan applications. Our Student Funding Services team will be able to help students complete their loan applications by certifying and confirming their student status on the relevant documentation provided by the Canadian Government. Please note that the University of Edinburgh's Institutional Code is PUAR.

For details on eligibility and how to apply for a loan, please visit our website: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/financial-support/student-loans/canadian

Alternatively contact our Financial Aid Office at: studentfunding@ed.ac.uk

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Transport

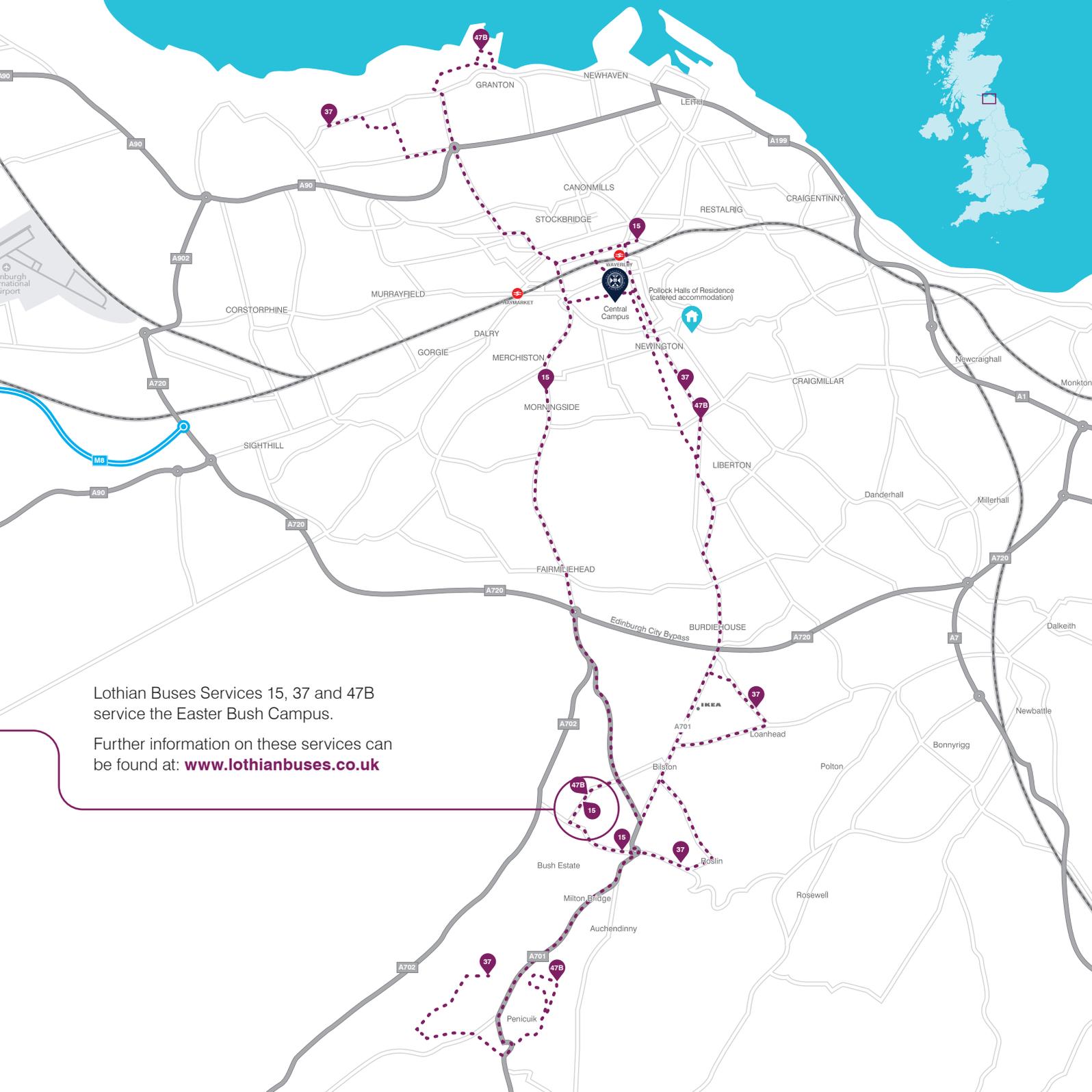
The Easter Bush Campus is located seven miles to the south of the centre of Edinburgh. Students can apply for a subsidised bus pass to help offset the cost of travel. The main methods that students use to come to the campus are:

- **Bus** - Lothian buses runs regular services several times an hour.
- **Bike** - we have a secure bike shed, showers and changing facilities and the University supports a number of schemes to help people cycle to and from the campus.
- **Car** - some students choose to drive and are able to apply for a free student car park pass.

1. Veterinary Teaching Building
2. Community Garden
3. The Hospital for Small Animals and Riddell-Swan Veterinary Cancer Centre
4. The Bumstead Building
5. Nursery
6. Campus Service Centre
7. The Roslin Institute
8. The Global Academy of Agriculture and Food Systems
9. The Charnock Bradley Building
10. Farm Animal Practice
11. The Greenwood Building
12. Equine Diagnostic, Surgical and Critical Care Unit
13. Equine Hospital and Practice
14. Farm Animal Hospital

-  Overflow parking
-  Disabled parking
-  Main entrance & reception
-  Bus stop
-  Bus route
-  Client parking
-  Parking





Lothian Buses Services 15, 37 and 47B service the Easter Bush Campus.

Further information on these services can be found at: www.lothianbuses.co.uk

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