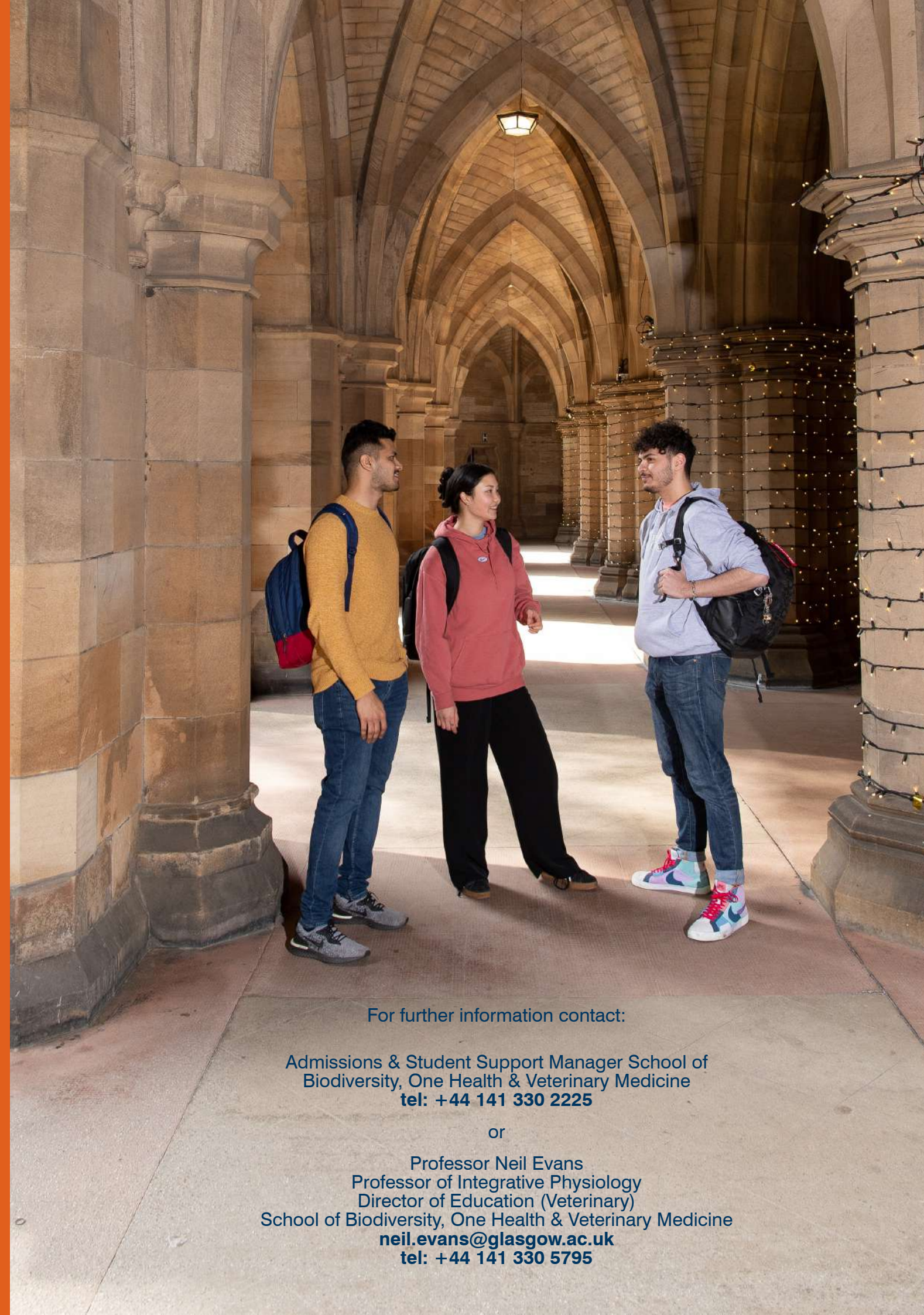


AN INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY MEDICINE EDUCATION IN SCOTLAND

"My experience with the FEEPASS program has been fantastic. Moving to a new country for veterinary school was daunting, but the Glasgow team provided all the support I could have asked for. They made my transition from the USA to Scotland as smooth as possible. I never could have done it on my own, and I am immensely grateful for their support. When I arrived in Glasgow I felt that I was well equipped to establish myself, and I knew where to get help if needed. The city has been so friendly and welcoming. It did not take long for me to feel at home here. Getting to experience another country and their culture, on top of attending veterinary school has been a major highlight of the program. Nothing beats celebrating passing exams then going to explore the beautiful countryside around Glasgow, or even heading up to the highlands!"

The program itself has been incredibly rewarding. I especially appreciate the emphasis on hands-on learning. The professors are encouraging, kind, and passionate about what they teach. I feel comfortable coming to them with questions, or even just to have a friendly chat. The course is demanding and rigorous, but there are endless amounts of support available. The staff do everything they can to ensure you have what you need to succeed. When I graduate I am confident that I have been given the skills to excel in whatever career path I pursue. I cannot thank Glasgow and the FEEPASS program enough for providing me with such an unforgettable experience."

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FEEPASS Programme

(Facilitated Early Entry Programme for Animal Science Students)

Of the students entering animal science programmes in North America, it has been estimated that over 80% classify themselves as PREVETS. Some of these will change their minds over the course of their degree or are inspired by other career options. Of the remaining PREVETS, not all go on to study veterinary medicine as places and costs can be limiting.

The University of Glasgow, School of Biodiversity, One Health & Veterinary Medicine, has an internationally renowned reputation in Veterinary Medicine, and is fully accredited by the AVMA. The University of Glasgow

is working with selected universities across North America, to offer a unique opportunity for high quality animal science students who wish to study veterinary medicine, within the global context.

The University of Glasgow, School of Biodiversity, One Health & Veterinary Medicine is offering an innovative programme whereby selected students study the final year of their animal science degree, as a study abroad option, at the University of Glasgow. During their time at Glasgow students will study alongside students on the first year of the University of Glasgow's veterinary medicine

degree programme (Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery, BVMS – which is the equivalent to the DVM). Successful completion of assessments in the Vet FEEPASS year will provide credits, which following transfer to their home institution, will allow completion of the student's animal science degree from their home institution and accelerated entry to year 2 of the University of Glasgow's BVMS programme. This is a reduction of one year from the total duration of study required to become a DVM and has associated cost benefits.

Would I be able to work as a veterinarian in North America after I graduate from the BVMS programme at the University of Glasgow?

Yes – the World is your Oyster! The University of Glasgow has approved status from the American Veterinary Medical Association; therefore the final qualification received is equivalent to a DVM obtained from a veterinary school in North America. However, the University of Glasgow's BVMS programme is also accredited by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (UK accrediting body) and the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education and graduates from schools carrying this combination of accreditations can work as a veterinary surgeon throughout the world! Graduation as a veterinary surgeon from Glasgow therefore gives you the ability to travel and work literally anywhere in the world and the global opportunities are endless.

What would be my options at the end of the FEEPASS programme?

After successful completion of the programme, students will graduate with their degree in Animal Science from their home institution and will have all of the opportunities afforded by that degree. They will also have the added benefit of an international experience and an international perspective on animal production systems and human animal interactions. If they wish to study veterinary medicine at the University of Glasgow they have a guaranteed place with direct entry onto the second year of the BVMS programme. In the event that they wish to apply to veterinary schools other than Glasgow, they will have an animal science degree but additional skills associated with having studied one year of a veterinary medicine programme and an international experience.

How do I get onto the FEEPASS programme?

Students will typically apply for entry to the University of Glasgow Vet FEEPASS programme during the fall semester of their sophomore year, through their home institution. While this might seem early, it allows students to complete any compulsory courses required by their home university to permit them to complete their Animal Science degree during their Junior year i.e. prior to the study abroad - Vet FEEPASS year. Students are expected to have an overall minimum grade point average of 3.4 (4 point scale) and to maintain this level of academic achievement during their sophomore and junior years. Students will be required to have completed an organic chemistry course prior starting their Vet FEEPASS year. In addition applicants will be expected to have shadowed a veterinary surgeon and have relevant work experience (much of which could have been obtained during years 1-3 of their animal science degree). The applicants will submit an application, typically containing academic history, relevant work experience and case for consideration of entry to a nominated member of academic staff in their home institution. This application will be assessed locally, before the University of Glasgow considers recommended candidates for acceptance onto the Vet FEEPASS programme. Students may be interviewed or expected to partake in additional selection activities.

Would I need to apply through VMCAS to join the BVMS programme at the end of the FEEPASS year?

No, if you are accepted onto the FEEPASS programme you will not have to apply via VMCAS. This will save you time, money and stress! If you maintain your GPA at the desired level through your sophomore and junior years and successfully complete the FEEPASS year you will be guaranteed a place on year 2 of the BVMS programme at Glasgow.

At which university will I be registered during my FEEPASS year?

Students on the University of Glasgow Vet FEEPASS programme remain matriculated/registered students at their home university during their Vet FEEPASS year. However, students will also be required to register with Glasgow in order to gain access to our e-learning, library, sports facilities etc. They will graduate from their home university at the end of the Vet FEEPASS year, following transfer of credits based on assessments completed during the Vet FEEPASS year. Students will then matriculate at the University of Glasgow following the facilitated entry to the second year of the BVMS programme i.e. after completion of the Vet FEEPASS year. As students are on a study abroad year from their home university, loans to cover the Vet FEEPASS year will typically be run through the student's home university.

The FEEPASS year

The Vet FEEPASS year equates to the first year of the BVMS programme, during this year students will acquire fundamental knowledge and develop the skills and attitudes on which a veterinary medical training is based. During this year, students will relate the anatomy and physiology of the body systems to health and disease in domestic animals, as well as looking at the underlying cellular process involved. Students will gain an insight into common husbandry practice and animal breeding and how these impact on the animals we care for. Your professional training starts at the beginning of year 1 as you begin classes in fundamental animal-handling techniques, learn skills such as suturing, and develop your communication skills, culminating in the art of history taking and clinical examination.

Specific modules that will be undertaken during the Vet FEEPASS year are baseline body systems, natural defences, digestion, infectious agents, reproduction, urinary System



The BVMS Programme
www.gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/veterinarymedicine/

The BVMS programme is based on integration of clinical and science subject areas and has a spiral course structure meaning that you will revisit topics as you progress through the programme, each time with increasing clinical focus. In conjunction, there is a vertical theme of professional and clinical skills development to help you acquire the personal qualities and skills you will need in professional environments.

The programme is delivered over five years and is divided into three phases.

Foundation phase (years 1 & 2)

In the first two years of the programme you will acquire fundamental knowledge and develop the skills and attitudes on which the following years of your training are based. During this initial phase, you will relate the anatomy and physiology of the body systems to health and disease in domestic animals, as well as looking at the underlying cellular process involved. You will gain an insight into common husbandry practice and animal breeding and how these impact on the animals we care for. Your professional training starts at the beginning of year 1 as you begin classes in fundamental animal-handling techniques, learn skills such as suturing, and develop your communication skills, culminating in the art of history taking and clinical examination.

At the end of the foundation phase you will have a sound working knowledge of healthy domestic animals, with an introduction to the mechanisms of disease, and you will have developed the fundamental personal skills you will require as you move towards learning based more in professional environments.

Clinical phase (years 3 & 4)

The aim of the clinical phase is to build on the foundation phase to provide a broad training in key areas of veterinary professional practice, with a focus on common and important problems and presentations encountered in veterinary

work. Realistic scenarios and cases form the basis for integrating clinical and scientific perspectives of veterinary practice. The approach will emphasise the role of clinical reasoning and planning, as well as continuing to develop skills and attitudes required to work in the clinical environment and to take a greater responsibility for your learning in the subsequent professional phase of the programme.

At the end of the clinical phase you will be prepared for entering the professional phase, where your professional development will be supported in professional and clinical environments in the final part of your development to being a veterinary professional.

Professional phase (year 5)

In your final year there are no lectures and the primary emphasis is on small group involvement in clinical activity, covering the common species of domestic animals. During this time you will be involved in all aspects of work in our busy hospitals and you will also gain first-hand experience in practices linked to the veterinary school. Though this year of the programme is structured so that you will receive clinical experience in core clinical areas, there is also the opportunity to focus on personal interests or explore the breadth of opportunities in the veterinary profession by choosing two 'selective' experiences. Selectives may be used to gain experience in niche veterinary activities (such as aquaculture) or to gain in-depth clinical experience related to core subjects.

Extra Mural Studies (EMS)

In common with all veterinary students in the UK you will be required to undertake an additional 38 weeks of extra-mural studies (EMS) during your vacation time. The first period of 12 weeks is dedicated to gaining further experience of the management and handling of domestic animals. After this initial period is completed you start the clinical period of 26 weeks, which can be used to gain experience in veterinary professional environments. Satisfactory completion of EMS is a requirement for graduation.

Support for NAVLE

The National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners has established a single common for veterinary medical licensure in the United States known as the North American Veterinary Medical Licensing Examination (NAVLE). It is offered twice a year, in November/December and in April and all final year students are given support with preparing for the NAVLE examination. Those deemed in good standing by the School will be put forward for examination in either November/December or April.

Intercalated Degree Opportunities

The intercalated degree programme represents an opportunity for BVMS students following their second or third year to take either one or two years out of the BVMS programme and study for an additional degree programme (both at Bachelors BSc, BSc Vet Sci (Hons) and Masters levels MSc, MRes or MVPH) after which you then re-enter the BVMS programme.

Our international links

Study abroad opportunities are available in all years through participation in compulsory extra-mural studies. There are also opportunities to study abroad as an integral part of the BVMS programme in year 5.

Universities with agreements for University of Glasgow Vet FEEPASS

California Polytechnic State University, San Louis Obispo
Clemson University
University of Connecticut
University of Illinois
University of Maine
University of Missouri
The Ohio State University
Pennsylvania State University
Purdue University
University of Rhode Island
Tuskegee University
University of Vermont
Washington State University