

# Meet Past Participants

*"I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to have participated in the VRSP program! Being able to meet and work with industry and veterinary professionals, as well as prominent researchers has been priceless. This program has provided the research tools I need to have a rewarding career in veterinary medicine."*

Sarah Krueger, VRSP 2019  
DVM Class of 2022

*"VRSP provided me incredible insight into highly diverse paths available as a veterinary researcher that I'd never known existed, gave me the opportunity to play an active role in cutting-edge research using next-generation sequencing, and helped me sharpen skills to become a better researcher. I was able to work alongside world-renowned scientists and was a part of a cohort of veterinary students from all areas of veterinary medicine whose enthusiasm and community created a family to learn from and collaborate with."*

Maddie Butterfield, VRSP 2020  
DVM Class of 2023

*"I would enthusiastically recommend participating in VRSP to anyone hoping to step outside of their comfort zone with a challenging research immersion. The program provided invaluable experience in clinical research all while giving me the opportunity to make meaningful connections with clinicians and students from a multitude of different backgrounds. These experiences will not only help me during my remaining years of veterinary school but also as I move forward with my career."*

D. Angela Thompson-Butler, VRSP 2021  
DVM Class of 2024

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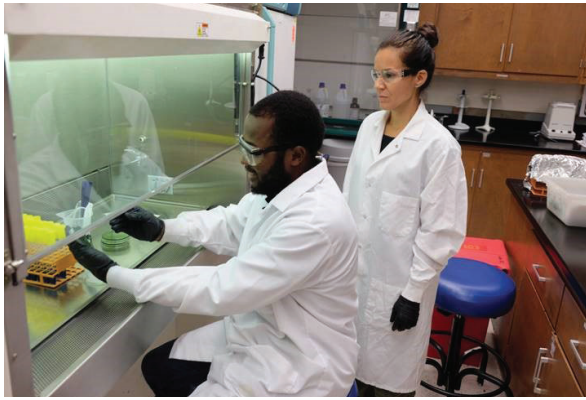
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## Veterinary Research Scholars Program

## About VRSP

The Veterinary Research Scholars Program at Kansas State University is an intensive research experience directed towards attracting our most talented professional students into veterinary careers involving biomedical research. The program pairs scholars with experienced faculty research mentors to complete summer research projects. In particular, scholars learn critical thinking, research ethics, laboratory techniques, and how to present research findings.



## Program Overview

In addition to research work with their mentor, students participate in supplemental activities to provide a well-rounded experience including:

- Weekly journal club
- Weekly workshops with invited speakers
- Field trips
- KSU Poster Session
- National Veterinary Scholars Symposium, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN

## Eligibility

The program is highly competitive and selective.

To be eligible for consideration, students must:

- Be excelling in a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine curriculum
- Demonstrate a sincere interest in exploring research
- Provide excellent letters of recommendation



## 2022 VRSP Calendar\*

- Oct 13 Lunch meeting to learn about the program and application process (BI Auditorium)*
- Jan 19 Meet and greet with mentors, learn about research projects and labs*
- Jan 31 Application Deadline*
- Mar 1 Scholars Selections Announced*
- May 16 VRSP Begins, kick-off activities*
- July 28 KSU VRSP Poster Session*
- Aug 4 - 7 National Veterinary Scholars Symposium, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN*
- Aug 7 VRSP concludes*
- \*this schedule could change due to COVID-19*

## Funding

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- Elanco Animal Health
- Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research
- IDEXX, Inc.
- KSU College of Veterinary Medicine Office of Research
- Midwest Institute for Comparative Stem Cell Biology
- Morris Animal Foundation
- National Institutes of Health T-35 Training grant
- Nestle Purina PetCare

Veterinary Research Scholars receive a stipend of approximately \$2000 per month for the 3-month program as well as travel expenses to the National Symposium.



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