Meet Past Participants

“The VRSP experience exposed me to a career opportunity in veterinary medicine that I had not thought about before entering vet school. It taught me many new lab techniques such as PCR and RNA isolation. Working through a research project helped me to develop my critical thinking, problem solving, and oral and written communication skills. Another huge benefit from this program was the opportunity to meet and network with faculty and other vet students from around the country and world.”

-Emma Winkley, VRSP 2017
DVM Class of 2020

“I would highly recommend the VRSP program to anyone who likes to challenge themselves and step out of their comfort zone. I not only learned how to conduct high quality research, but also improved my ability to speak in front of audiences. I felt that it was a great way to spend my summer!”

-Ally Fitzgerald, VRSP 2018
DVM Class of 2021

“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
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.

Eligibility

The program is highly competitive and selective. To be eligible for consideration, students must:

- Have completed at least one year of a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine curriculum
- Be in the top of their class
- Demonstrate a sincere interest in exploring research
- Provide excellent letters of recommendation

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, Western University, San Diego, CA

2020 VRSP Calendar

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Funding

Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine is dedicated to training veterinary students in basic, applied and comparative biomedical research. The Veterinary Research Scholars Program receives generous funding to support competitive scholar stipends and supplemental activities from the following:

- Boehringer Ingelheim Veterinary Scholars Program
- Morris Animal Foundation
- American Society for Investigative Pathology
- Foundation for Food And Agriculture Research
- Benjamin and Catherine Kurz Family Scholarship
- Nestle Purina PetCare
- KSU College of Veterinary Medicine Office of Research
- KSU Department of Anatomy and Physiology
- KSU Department of Clinical Sciences
- KSU Department of Diagnostic Medicine Pathobiology

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.