Meet Past Participants

“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

“I am so grateful for the opportunity to participate in the VRSP program! Working one-on-one with K-State CVM faculty, as well as meeting many industry and veterinary professionals has been invaluable. This program helped me to incorporate my prior skills with research projects that fit my future career goals. The mentors within the VRSP program are fantastic at encouraging enhanced understanding and knowledge, as well as investing their time into their mentees’ futures.”

Dannell Kopp, VRSP 2022
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Veterinary Research Scholars Program

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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:
- Be excelling in a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine curriculum
- 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, San Juan, Puerto Rico

2023 VRSP Calendar
Oct 19 12pm - Lunch meeting to learn about VRSP and application process (BI Auditorium)
Jan 18 12pm - Lunch Meet and Greet with mentors to learn about research projects and labs (BI Auditorium)
Jan 31 Application Deadline
Mar 1 Scholars Selections Announced
May 15 VRSP Begins, kick-off activities
July 27 KSU VRSP Poster Session
Aug 3 - 6 National Veterinary Scholars Symposium, San Juan, Puerto Rico
Aug 6 VRSP concludes

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- 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 for the three month program as well as travel expenses to the National Symposium.

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