

# Meet Past Participants

*"I highly recommend VRSP for anyone who is eager to grow personally and professionally and wants to learn more about opportunities in veterinary medicine. The summer gave me hands-on laboratory training and practical knowledge about veterinary opportunities in research and specializing. I worked with a mentor and team who love what they do and enjoy sharing their knowledge and experiences. I was able to learn in a supportive environment and participate in and observe projects beyond my own. The weekly Journal Clubs and Workshops fostered learning and community with the scholars, and I was able to connect with like-minded veterinary students at the national symposium. I am so thankful for the opportunity I had to make connections that will last and to learn valuable skills that will benefit my future as a practicing veterinarian."*

Danielle Lopez, VRSP 2023  
Class of 2026

*"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  
DVM Class of 2025

*"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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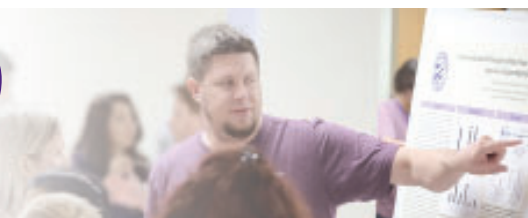
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## Veterinary Research Scholars Program

## About VRSP

The Veterinary Research Scholars Program at Kansas State University is an exciting summer research program aiming to attract veterinary students into careers involving research. The program pairs scholars with experienced faculty research mentors to complete summer research projects. In particular, scholars learn how to design and conduct a research study, 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, St. Paul, MN

## Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration, students must:

- Be finishing their first or second year with good standing in a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine curriculum
- Demonstrate a sincere interest in exploring research
- Provide excellent letters of recommendation



## 2024 VRSP Calendar

Oct 18	12pm - Lunch meeting to learn about VRSP and application process (BI Auditorium)
Jan 17	12pm - Lunch Meet and Greet with mentors to learn about research projects and labs (BI Auditorium)
Jan 31	Application Deadline
Mar 1	Scholar/Mentor Selections Announced
May 20	VRSP Begins, kick-off luncheon/orientation for scholars and mentors (BI Auditorium)
Aug 1	KSU VRSP Poster Session
Aug 8 - 11	National Veterinary Scholars Symposium, St. Paul, MN
Aug 11	VRSP concludes

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

