



# UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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The college's Veterinary Academic Building houses administrative and faculty offices as well as laboratory and teaching space.

## Education

The University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, one of six colleges at UF Health, is committed to excellence in teaching, research, and patient care. From 2000 to 2024, our D.V.M. graduates have consistently ranked above the national average on the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination. Many continue their education through internships at accredited veterinary institutions or private practices, and many go on to pursue residencies as well. The number of seats currently offered continues to be 104 for state-funded and 46 for self-funded applicants. We received a record 1,969 applications, which resulted in 454 Zoom interviews. We offer special interest certificate programs in Aquatic Animal Health, Veterinary Business Management, Food Animal Veterinary Medicine, and Shelter Medicine. A state-of-the-art clinical skills laboratory provides dedicated space for students to enhance their training in clinical and technical skills. We also offer a combined D.V.M.-M.P.H. degree, a master's degree, and a Ph.D. degree in Veterinary Medical Sciences, or V.M.S. Since 1993, nearly 400 students have completed the M.S. degree or Ph.D. degree in V.M.S. on campus. In addition, more than 600 students have completed our Master's online program in V.M.S., with a concentration in shelter medicine, forensic toxicology, or veterinary forensic sciences. After graduation, our new graduates enter the workforce in research or professional positions in academia, government, or industry in the U.S. and globally.

	UF CVM FY24	
State funding and tuition	\$61.8M	42%
Clinical service	\$56.5M	39%
Research	\$17.7M	12%
Foundation	\$7.9M	6%
Other	\$1.9M	1%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$145.8M</b>	



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Dean  
UF College of Veterinary Medicine

**7**  
degree programs

**536**  
D.V.M. students

**83**  
37 M.S. / 46 Ph.D. students

**288**  
distance education/  
online M.S. students

**85** residents    **26** interns    **2** fellows



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**\$17.7**  
million  
research awards

**46,800**  
animals treated at  
UF Veterinary Hospitals  
in Gainesville

**22,254**  
animals treated at  
UF Pet Emergency  
Treatment Services and  
UF Veterinary Hospital  
at World Equestrian  
Center in Ocala

**121,486**  
all animals treated,  
including field visits

FY24 statistics

## Research

At the UF College of Veterinary Medicine, we are enhancing existing programs and launching new transdisciplinary research initiatives to address real-world challenges. One key effort is our \$2.3 million innovative veterinary learning health care system, which aims to create a comprehensive clinical data warehouse unmatched in quantity and species diversity. Central to this is an AI-enabled digital imaging platform to improve diagnostic accuracy, efficiency, and personalized treatment by analyzing multimodal pathology data. We are also advancing comparative medicine by integrating research from both animal and human models, broadening our impact in areas like neurophysiology, immunology, and infectious disease. Another focus is safeguarding healthy populations and environments, as Florida's biodiversity makes it prone to zoonotic diseases and toxicity. As the state's only veterinary college, we monitor animal populations and environments to mitigate these risks. Our initiatives exemplify our commitment to veterinary medicine and One Health through team science and leading-edge technology. This synergistic approach represents the future of veterinary medicine, and we are excited about its possibilities.

## Patient Care

At the UF Veterinary Hospitals, we are dedicated to transforming the field through innovation. Last year, we provided exceptional treatment to an impressive 46,800 animals at our main hospital in Gainesville, and an additional 22,254 animals received care at UF Pet Emergency Treatment Services in Ocala and the UF Veterinary Hospital at World Equestrian Center, which opened its doors in 2022. Equipped with world-class facilities spanning 40,000 square feet, the UF Veterinary Hospital at WEC leads the way in leading-edge patient care for equine athletes and companion animals on-site and locally. With one of the highest caseloads among academic veterinary hospitals nationwide, veterinarians throughout the Southeast rely on us to provide top-quality care for their patients. We actively lead groundbreaking clinical trials in cancer therapies, skin allergies, heart disease, and more, with many of these trials providing essential preclinical data for human research. The UF Veterinary Hospitals' transformative mission to revolutionize veterinary medicine through innovation can significantly impact the health and well-being of animals everywhere.

## Extension

Our veterinary extension team plays a vital role in education, research, and training with many important animal industry groups in Florida. Our primary mission is to support local animal industries, but our expertise and skill in animal health, disease, production, and welfare are recognized nationally and internationally. Our veterinarians directly support the cattle industry, both beef and dairy, small ruminant producers (goats and sheep), horse owners, poultry producers, deer farmers, and our state's growing aquaculture sector, as well as provide outreach to pets in animal shelters. The Veterinary Community Outreach Program provides spay/neuter and other veterinary services to local shelters.