



The Idaho Bovine Veterinary Experience Program (IBVEP)

The IBVEP is a scholarship and experiential learning program funded by the United Dairymen of Idaho and University of Idaho, Animal Veterinary Science Department. The goals of this program are to engage veterinary students early in their training to expose them to industry relevant livestock operations and the veterinarians who service these farms. It is the overriding goal to increase the number of veterinary students who are interested in agriculture animal veterinary medicine as a career, expose students to the realities of modern food production, and to increase the number of food service veterinarians in the state of Idaho and the Western US.

Applicant Requirements

First or second year veterinary student in the School of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University may apply. Preference will be given to students who are currently enrolled at WSU under the Idaho-WSU cooperative training agreement or have an interest in veterinary practice in the state of Idaho. Enthusiasm for learning is much more important than previous experience with livestock.

Stipend to Student

The stipend is \$2500 for 6 or more weeks of participation. Students will be paid every two weeks during the summer experience. Applicable state and federal taxes will be withheld.

Time Requirements

Participants are exposed to working with a commercial cattle operation, such as a dairy, for 6 or more continuous weeks. The dates are flexible, and are arranged to be mutually convenient for the livestock operation and the student. The program is designed to occur over the summer vacation for 1st and 2nd year veterinary students. During the spring semester preceding the 1st summer experience participants will meet with Dr. Schneider 1X/week for one hour to discuss Production Medicine related issues. During the summer six week program, students are required to meet with Dr. Ayers at the Caine Center on at least 4 occasions to discuss the student's progress and impressions of the experience and to resolve any issues that may arise.

Year #1

The student will work with the owner or herdsman to learn about the major jobs on the facility, by working at those jobs. On a dairy, the areas of training would include delivering calves, raising calves, milking cows, feeding cows, breeding cows, treating sick cows, record keeping, and working with the veterinarian during his/her visits. The student normally works 5 to 5 ½ days a week by agreement with the manager.

Year #2

Successful year #1 applicants are encouraged to take advantage of year #2 training. During the second year, students will work with veterinarians and veterinary groups that service livestock operations. Duties would include working **with** cooperating clinics in the field. The goal is to get students hands on training by the veterinarians that are servicing the farms. Applicants



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will gain relevant clinical experience early on in their veterinary training which they can build upon in more advanced courses. The time requirements and scholarship is the same as in year #1.

Living Arrangements

Some livestock units and veterinary clinics have free housing suitable for the student. Students also may arrange their own housing near participating operations. The faculty members will help you make contacts for housing. Housing may be available at the Caine Veterinary Teaching Hospital for a minimal cost. Living at the CVTH will allow students to interact with senior students on concurrent advanced clinical blocks at this facility, meet the CVTH faculty and staff. Meals are the responsibility of the student.

Application Deadline

For the summer of 2009 applications are due **by January 30th**. Five new positions are currently available for the summer of 2009. Selections will be made starting in February and ending when all available funds are committed in May. Students continuing in the program, who participated in a previous summer, are automatically accepted if they apply.

Important Dates

January 20th 5:00 PM, Room TBA

– **IBVEP Informational meeting with Dr. Schneider**

January 30th

– **Applications due to Dr. Schneider via email at css@vetmed.wsu.edu**

February 6th

– **Initial offers for successful applicants**

New for 2009

We anticipate being able to offer 1-2 positions related to beef cattle production and veterinary medicine for 2009. The location will likely be at the University of Idaho Nancy M Cummings Ranch in Salmon, Idaho and on feedlots surrounding Caldwell, Idaho. If you are interested in this experience please indicate it on the application.

We have also have opportunities for students to participate in summer research projects concomitant with the IBVEP experience. If you are interested in veterinary research, please indicate it on the application.