

Daily Programme The Young Vet

DAY 1 – ENTER THE SUMMER INTERNSHIP

2:00pm **Start**

Over the next five days you will step into the shoes of a veterinary scientist and receive insider advice on veterinary school applications. Explore the different veterinary career paths and take a deeper look into key surgical procedures whilst developing crucial dexterity skills. Finally, get the chance to explore various veterinary specialties such as: small-animal, farm, equine and wildlife vet.

Afternoon The Summer Experience Begins

- Your journey starts here: step into the shoes of a top vet
- Keynote speech by the Programme Director: discover what the Summer Experience has in store and how to make the most of this unique experience
- Immersive group activities: develop crucial veterinary skills for the Summer Experience ahead, including communication, public speaking and dexterity
- Interactive networking session: meet fellow students – talented and ambitious individuals from around the world who can act as powerful contacts for your future career

6:00pm **Close**

DAY 2 – BECOMING A VET: VET SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

10.00am **Start**

Morning Vet School Applications

- Model UCAS personal statements
- Choosing the right course and veterinary school
- A day in the life of a veterinary student – expectations vs. reality
- The journey through veterinary school
- Challenges facing veterinary applicants

Afternoon Vet Specialities

- Career paths in veterinary science
- Domestic or wild animal care?
- Working in a practice vs. working out in the field
- Determine where to take up your residencies: private practices or academic institutions?
- Exploring alternate routes: becoming an advanced practitioner
- Start to build your action plan for success

5.00pm **Close**

DAY 3 – ENTER THE PRACTICE: THE WORLD OF A SMALL ANIMAL VET

10.00am **Start**

Gain insight into the world of a vet and hit the ground running with hands on simulations and key communication skills.

Morning **The Surgical Procedure**

- Understand the role of surgery in animal hospitals
- Nip/Tuck: get introduced to the 3 main procedural categories – orthopaedics, soft tissue surgery and neurosurgery
- Practice making a diagnosis and decide the next steps to save an animal's life in a series of case studies
- Undertake a common procedure in veterinary surgery with guidance from an experienced surgeon (you will use everyday household items for this simulation)
- Under the knife: test your dexterity skills

Afternoon **Enter the Practice: Run your own Clinic**

- Hear from small-animal vets on the highs and lows of a demanding job
- Look at preventative medicine and care routines to ensure your patients remain as healthy as possible
- Starting from scratch: understand how to reach the top of the small animal world
- Building the dream: gain insight into the skills needed to run and own your own practice
- Key considerations for starting a new practice: vision, location and team

5.00pm **Close**

DAY 4 – ENTER THE SMALL ANIMAL PRACTICE

10.00am **Start**

Familiarise yourself with common surgical procedures which will be essential in your veterinary career and discover the key considerations needed to establish yourself in the small-animal world.

Morning **Become the Vet**

- Understanding the role of surgery in animal hospitals
- Take on the role of a vet as you apply the skills you have learned to diagnose patients and tend to their needs
- Gain valuable feedback from vet surgeons on your interaction with clients and your treatment plans
- Learn the basics of first aid and practice CPR on an animal model.

Afternoon **Clinical Examination**

- Perform a clinical examination and learn about its importance in diagnosis and treatment
- Work through a series of case studies and come up with proper diagnosis and treatment for each
- Learn vital communication skills that will help you build rapport with pet owners
- Enter a VR pet clinic and carefully consider the steps you would take in diagnosing your patient

5:00pm **Close**

DAY 5 – ENTER THE WORLD OF A FARM VET

10.00am **Start**

Experience life as a farm vet and step on site to put your skills to the test.

Morning **The Farm Vet**

- Understand the hands-on approach vets have in managing farm animals and protecting our public health
- Observe how farm vets care for cattle and other large animals
- Explore the role farm vets have in advising and supporting farmers
- Examine the routine tests performed in a farm: taking blood, performing ultrasound & TB tests and providing treatment
- Learn about the importance of preventative care, nutrition and behaviour to ensure farm animals remain in peak health

Afternoon **Career Coaching: The Essentials**

- Your path to success: understanding the key decisions ahead and how to maximise your chances of success
- Subject choices at A-level/IB/university and more
- Securing work experience, designing impactful CVs/resumes and powerful interview techniques
- Coaching from experienced vets on what you can do now to stand out in the future

5:00pm **Close**

DAY 6 – BECOME AN EQUINE SPECIALIST

10.00am **Start**

Put your veterinary knowledge into practice over the next five days as you navigate complex scenarios such as the crucial role of equine vets as well as animal rehabilitation and animal assisted therapy. Discover the latest advancements in telehealth and their importance in veterinary science and take a closer look at the impact marine

animals have on the environment as well as the role of vaccinations in preventative care. Finally, immerse yourself in a series of activities from bespoke tours to museums and top veterinary universities to mini-scale networking events.

Full Day **The Equine Vet**

Explore the world of an equine specialist and learn about the important role of rehabilitation in this field.

- Learn about the important role horses play in several aspects of life and the national economy
- Observe the unique relationship between veterinary staff and horses
- Examine different work avenues: private breeders, race horse owners and research facilities
- Delve into the typical duties of an equine vet
- Explore the different treatment methods equine vets adopt to treat ailing horses
- Work with equine vets and horses to understand the joys of this prestigious field

5:00pm **Close**

DAY 7 – ENTER THE WORLD OF A WILDLIFE VET

10.00am **Start**

Full Day **The Wildlife Vet**

- Understand the highs and lows of this emerging field
- Examine the duties of a wildlife vet: examinations, vaccinations and treatments
- See how city and countryside match and understand the role of vets in ensuring the preservation of wildlife health in a mega-city
- Explore the work wildlife vets perform in conjunction with rehabilitators
- Respond to 'what you would do' scenarios on controversial issues of captivity
- Into the wild: visit a top wildlife attraction and have a guided tour on the future of animal conservation.

5.00pm **Close**

DAY 8 – ENTER THE ANIMAL HOSPITAL

10.00am **Start**

Navigate complex scenarios veterinary professionals encounter when it comes to animal rehabilitation and explore the vital role animal assisted therapy can play in improving our quality of life.

Morning **Animal Rescue**

- Navigate complex scenarios in veterinary practice
- Debate with experienced vets and your peers
- Respond to 'what you would do' scenarios
- Visit an animal rehabilitation centre and see the impact vets have on helping animals in need.

Afternoon **Animal Therapy**

- Explore the role of animal assisted therapy to improve a person's quality of life
- Examine how companion animals help people with learning disabilities
- Man's best-friend: observe how a therapy dog will intervene to calm down a person suffering from an apparent panic attack
- Propose ways to help increase awareness in the field of animal-assisted therapy.

5.00pm **Close**

DAY 9 – ENTER THE WORLD OF DIGITAL HEALTH

10.00am **Start**

Morning **Telehealth in Veterinary Science**

- Explore the use of telemedicine in veterinary practices
- Examine how client consultations can be improved using digital health technology
- Look closer at the range of specialist disciplines that can be covered using telehealth
- Go digital: examine the use of telehealth in areas like general wellness care, after-hours care and post-surgical care
- Visit a digital health company and discover the latest innovations in the field.

Afternoon **The Veterinary Practice and Health Technology**

- Explore the evolution of digital health, latest innovations and what the future holds
- Get introduced to real world applications of health technology
- Supercharged: team up with software engineers to design your own digital health app to help you stay up to date with your patients' vaccination charts
- Present your projects to leading veterinary professionals and receive live feedback.

5:00pm **Close**

DAY 10 –EXPLORE THE INDUSTRY & PRIVATE NETWORKING

10:00am **Start**

Morning **In Good Faith: Veterinary Ethics**

Today you will navigate controversial topics in veterinary ethics and proceed to put the newfound knowledge you have gained from this Summer Experience to the test in a private networking event featuring experts from different specialities in veterinary science.

- The duty of care: explore what constitutes animal cruelty beyond animal abuse
- A voice for the suffering: navigate controversial topics from declawing, euthanasia, and selective breeding
- Learn about the progressive code of ethical conduct which all veterinary professionals should adhere to
- Debate heavy-hitting topics with experienced vets and your peers
- Respond to 'what you would do' scenarios and work together to reach a consensus

Afternoon **Private Networking Event**

- Put your newfound knowledge to the test
- Take part in a private networking session with top small-animal, farm, equine and wildlife vets
- Have your burning questions answered by those in the know
- Receive valuable advice from experts in the field

5:00pm **Close**

DAY 11 – CAREERMAX

10.30am **Start**

Over the next five days, you will receive personalised coaching on how to succeed in each of the major milestones on the road to landing your dream job:

- i) securing a place at a top-tier veterinary school
- ii) excelling in your studies
- iii) mastering every aspect of the recruitment process and procuring a top job in veterinary science post-university. In addition, you will receive inspirational coaching on key employability skills from high-profile figures including politicians and Olympic athletes.

Morning **Enter CareerMax**

Your future starts now: discover the essential skills needed to thrive in veterinary science.

- Personal development plan: work with a careers expert in small focus groups to plan the next steps in your journey
- 'Big results require big ambitions': hear from a world-class Olympic athlete on the importance of being a self-starting, ambitious individual in today's increasingly competitive climate
- 'The art of communication is the language of leadership': hear from a high-ranking politician on how best to improve your communication skills and captivate a large audience.

Afternoon **The Admissions Process**

You're in your final year of school and it is time to start thinking about what comes next.

- Inside UCAS: an interactive session with veterinary admissions officers, with guidance on how to ace your applications and bag your first-choice university
- Eye-catching extracurriculars: using extracurricular activities to boost your application
- Personal statement workshop: expert coaching on the art of personal statement writing
- Interview training: a masterclass with senior admissions tutors from top UK universities
- You become the admissions officer: step into the shoes of a university admissions tutor; review a collection of personal statements and interview prospective students for a place at a world-renowned educational institution.

5:00pm **Close**

DAY 12 – ENTER THE ROYAL VETERINARY COLLEGE

10:30am **Start**

Morning **Welcome to University!**

Congratulations! You have been accepted into your first-choice university – it's time to start preparing.

- University tour: private tour of a top veterinary school led by students, who will guide you through the abundant opportunities available to you there
- Academic lecture: meet academics from multiple departments such as veterinary medicine, biological sciences and veterinary nursing, hear about the research they are undertaking in their specialist fields and experience a university-style lecture
- Meet the university team: attend an exclusive networking lunch with students and academics from different veterinary departments.

Afternoon **Step into the Shoes of a Student**

- Gain an insight into the vast opportunities available to veterinary students: explore the chance to study abroad, complete intercalated years, and secure placements in the best veterinary departments across the country
- The academic seminar: discuss the contents of the morning lecture in a seminar group led by an academic, reflect on the topics raised with likeminded individuals
- The research project: work effectively as part of a team to research and plan for a knock-out group presentation
- The group presentation: present your team's finding to your peers and academics
- The feedback: receive feedback on your presentation and reflect on your team's performance.

5.00pm **Close**

DAY 13 – GRADUATE RECRUITMENT: APPLICATIONS & FURTHER TRAINING

10:30am **Start**

Morning **Graduate Applications**

You're in your final year of an undergraduate degree and are thinking about applying for graduate entry into veterinary science.

- Standout work experience: learn the importance of securing relevant work experience and the impetus it can add to your graduate admissions
- Killer personal statement: crack the code to the perfect personal statement with industry recruitment experts and hear from graduate admissions officers from the veterinary industry on what they are looking for in candidate personal statements
- You become the graduate interviewer: interview candidates for a graduate role alongside senior recruitment managers and put them through their paces with a series of challenging scenario-based questions.

Afternoon **Post-Graduate Options**

You are about to complete your veterinary course and are curious about what comes next...

- Interview workshop: receive bespoke public speaking training on how best to articulate yourself during high-pressure, professional situations such as interviews and presentations
- Next steps: explore post-graduate transition degrees, continual professional developments as well as options to enter straight into the work field
- You become the graduate interviewer: interview candidates for a graduate role alongside senior recruitment managers and put them through their paces with a series of challenging scenario-based questions
- Reflection: return to your focus groups and review the goals you set for InvestIN's CareerMax week. What have you achieved so far? What would you like to work on over the final two days? What questions do you need answering?

5:00pm **Close**

DAY 14 – GRADUATE RECRUITMENT: ENTER THE WORKPLACE

10:30am **Start**

Morning **On the Job**

Congratulations! You have nailed the initial interview for a graduate role at a top veterinary university or continuing professional development and you're wondering what comes next.

- Delve deeper: explore different veterinary specialties and begin to pinpoint your area of interest in a work setting
- Performance tests: experience a series of simulated veterinary scenarios that will assess your attention to detail, dexterity and emotional resilience and receive feedback on your performance

- The veterinary team: explore how veterinary surgeons, clinical biologists and veterinary nurses collaborate in the workplace.

Afternoon **The Group Exercise: A Multidisciplinary Team**

- Real-life case study: investigate an uptick in unusual animal deaths, dental decay and blackened teeth, tumours and birth defects, and other unusual symptoms in a rural population
- Investigate the above public health crisis from the perspective of a veterinary scientist and propose solutions
- Meet your multidisciplinary team, establish members' individual strengths and areas of expertise and work together to identify the cause of disease
- Teamwork: master the art of managing discussions as you approach the problem from different angles, collate evidence and put together a holistic action plan
- Key skills: manage your time effectively, collect evidence, create a new diagnostic criterion, and propose curative treatment and prevention plans
- Present and defend your findings in this unprecedented case and compare the avenues pursued in real-life.

5:00pm **Close**

DAY 15 – PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN: YOUR NEXT STEPS

10:30am **Start**

Morning **Personal Development Plan**

- Personalised feedback: receive a bespoke summary of your performance during the day 14 group exercise, including your strengths and areas for development
- Group reflection: return to your focus groups and reflect on what you have achieved throughout InvestIN's CareerMax week
- Personal development plan: work with a recruitment expert to establish your next steps and create your very own personal development plan
- Farewell speech: a review of what you have gained from the Summer Experience, with closing remarks from the Programme Director.

1:00pm **Close**

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