

VETERINARY MEDICINE AS A SECOND DEGREE FOR UK/EU STUDENTS 2018/19

This information is aimed at students who already hold a UK Honours Degree (or overseas equivalent) who are considering studying Veterinary Medicine as a second degree, either on the 4 or 5 year programme.

Tuition Fees

In 2018/19, the tuition fees charged by the RVC to UK/EU students on the graduate programme will be in line with the tuition fees charged to first degree students, approximately £9,250. The fees may increase incrementally for each year of the course approximately in line with inflation. For a student commencing the Graduate 4 year Veterinary Medicine programme in 2018/19, the amount required to cover the entire tuition fees will be approximately **£37,000 - £40,000**.

Other course related and living Costs

The first year of the 4 year course and first 2 years of the 5 year course are taught from Camden in London. The remaining years of the course are taught from Hawkshead in Hertfordshire. Although accommodation is more likely to be more expensive in London, travel requirements in Hertfordshire will mean that you should budget at least between £11,000 & £13,000 per year to cover rent and other living costs, as a minimum. For further information about living costs please see www.rvc.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/living-expenses

Statutory Support Available

Currently government regulations mean that UK students are entitled to claim a means tested Maintenance Loan only to help with the costs associated with the course and living costs if studying Veterinary Medicine as a second degree. This is applied for in the normal way via www.gov.uk/student-finance

There is however no statutory government loan available to meet the costs of tuition fees so please think carefully about how you will pay your fees before beginning the course.

Potential sources of non-statutory support

Whilst it is acknowledged that the lack of tuition fee loan will make it difficult for those without savings or other financial support to undertake the programme, below are some ideas for those wishing to look into alternative funding possibilities:

Professional Career Development Loans – www.gov.uk/career-development-loans

For Searchable Grants websites and Charities see the RVC Money Matters Pages:

<http://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/support-for-students/money-matters/other-funding-sources>

RVC Hardship Funding (students can only apply for these once they are enrolled and if they meet the criteria for each fund):

<http://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/support-for-students/money-matters/rvc-funds-grants-bursaries>

British Veterinary Association: www.bva.co.uk/Membership-and-benefits/Students/

General Information on Postgraduate Funding:

www.prospects.ac.uk/funding_postgraduate_study.htm

Further advice

If you have any further questions please contact the Advice Centre Money & Welfare Adviser: moneymatters@rvc.ac.uk