



**Royal
Veterinary
College**
University of London

**New for
2027/8
entry**

Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (BVetMed)

**with Integrated
Foundation Year**

2027

235 years of excellence. A new global pathway.

Always Outstanding

Based in London

Ranked as one of the top student cities in the world (QS Best Student Cities 2026)

& Hertfordshire

Students are based on a 575-acre countryside campus

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We have been serious about science for over 235 years

We are convinced that we offer you some of the best veterinary medicine training in the world, but if you are in two minds about where to study, let us explain why...

Ranked #1

The RVC is ranked #1 in the world for Veterinary Science (QS World University Rankings 2025).

International community

We have a vibrant international community, with students from **71 countries** and staff from **94 countries**.

Guaranteed Accommodation

Students are guaranteed accommodation in their first year, providing the opportunity to live with others on the same course and quickly build friendships with students who share a similar timetable and workload.

Dedicated English Language Support

Develop your academic English skills through integrated support in reading, writing and scientific communication to help you succeed at the RVC and beyond.

A new opportunity for direct progression onto the RVC's Veterinary Degree programme

A route for students whose schools or curricula doesn't allow for direct entry onto our world-renowned BVetMed offering a first-of-its-kind integrated veterinary foundation pathway for international students within the UK sector.

Four hospitals

Veterinary Medicine students gain experience of working in a selection of the RVC's four hospitals – a list that includes the largest small animal referral and emergency services hospital in Europe, three first-opinion practices, an exotics service and our own farm.

Internationally recognised

The RVC is one of the few veterinary schools in the world that holds accreditations for the Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (BVetMed) from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) in the UK, the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE) in the EU, and the Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) in the USA and Canada.

The Integrated Foundation Year offers a structured academic transition

The curriculum is designed to bridge specific knowledge gaps efficiently, focusing on readiness for veterinary study at the RVC.

Welcome to the RVC

The Royal Veterinary College (RVC) is an international organisation and welcomes students and staff from all over the world, providing them with opportunities to learn and develop. With accreditations from the major global authorities, you can be confident that as an RVC graduate you will possess the expertise and knowledge, as well as the competence and confidence, to work in your chosen field worldwide. Committed to a progressive agenda of equality and diversity, we look forward to helping you achieve your career aspirations.

We know it can be an exciting but challenging time when you first arrive in a new country and when starting university, and we are here to help you every step of the way to make the transition as easy as possible.

We want you to have an amazing experience both at the RVC and throughout your time in the UK. To do this, we invest in your personal development and make sure that we have support and guidance in place to help you when needed.

You'll start to learn about life in the UK and at the RVC before you arrive, with our online induction KickStart. This will help you plan UK life essentials. You'll have a chance to connect with all the new and current students during Welcome Week and 5 Ways to BE Well events. There are a range of activities to get involved in, from student support sessions to great nights out – everything you need to feel at home before your course gets underway!

We also recognise that, as an international student, you may have some additional needs to those who are used to studying in the UK. We will help familiarise you with our national culture, student life at the RVC, and tour the campuses. We will also assist you with setting up everything you need to make the UK your home, and orientate you with your new surroundings in London and Hertfordshire. You will get the chance to meet other students at a range of social activities, making friends that will help you settle into your new home.

www.rvc.uk.com/welcome-to-the-rvc



“Having come from Hong Kong, I had no prior exposure or experience with farm animals whatsoever. Initially I was worried this would be cause me to fall behind from my peers. However, since our first year, animal handling practicals across all core species were integrated very well into the course, enabling me to be well prepared for my lambing, dairy and poultry placements.

Furthermore, getting to spend prolonged periods of time with farmers on placement pushed me to learn quickly. Pairing what I had learnt in lectures with living in the shoes of farmers led me to develop a huge appreciation towards the farming, population medicine and even have important applications towards food safety. All the while getting to handle very cute young livestock (lambs, calves, etc!), this made for a very memorable experience”.

Yan Phu

Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine

BVetMed

Bachelor of **Veterinary Medicine** with Integrated Foundation Year

The BVetMed with Integrated Foundation Year offers a direct pathway to the Royal Veterinary College's internationally recognised veterinary degree. This integrated pathway represents one of the first veterinary foundation routes of its kind in the UK, designed specifically to address structural differences in international education systems.

This programme is designed for high-achieving international students whose education systems or school structures prevent them from studying both Biology and Chemistry at advanced level, which is normally required for direct entry to veterinary medicine.

Course overview

The BVetMed with Integrated Foundation Year bridges specific knowledge gaps and prepares students for the academic and professional demands of veterinary study. It is designed to support capable students whose educational pathways present structural constraints rather than academic limitations.

Students who successfully complete the Foundation Year will progress to the five-year Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (BVetMed) programme.

The BVetMed programme at the Royal Veterinary College provides world-leading scientific and clinical training in veterinary medicine and leads to a globally recognised veterinary qualification.

You will develop a thorough understanding of the science underpinning animal health and disease, alongside the professional, analytical and communication skills required for veterinary practice.

The programme combines scientific study, clinical training and practical experience, preparing graduates to diagnose disease, treat animals and promote animal health and welfare.

Institution
RVET
R84

UCAS code
D110

6
years

Camden &
Hawkshead
Campus

Students study the biological principles of normal body function and disease, learn how to distinguish healthy from pathological states, and develop the skills needed to prevent disease and manage animal production systems.

Teaching and Learning

Teaching is delivered through a combination of:

- Lectures and small-group tutorials
- Laboratory and dissection practicals
- Clinical skills training
- Small group learning and lectures
- Digital resources
- Animal handling and husbandry teaching
- Clinical placements and rotations
- Independent study and research

Assessment methods include written examinations, coursework, clinical skills assessments, case studies, group presentations, Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs) and a final research project.

Course costs (per year)

International tuition fees: £50,360*

The RVC supports students with travel expenses for all core (mandatory) rotations not delivered at our Hawkshead Campus. The RVC also provides student accommodation for core rotations located outside of London. Support for tracking (elective) rotations varies and further detail is provided to students when making rotation selections.

BVetMed students require lab coats, boiler suits and waterproofs (items typically £20–£39.60), steel toe-cap Wellington boots (student-sourced), scrub tops and theatre scrubs (approx. £22–£30), and additional clinical equipment during rotations.

Full details are available from the RVC Shop shop.rvc.ac.uk

* Tuition fees are subject to change. Fees listed are representative of entry in 2026 and should be used as a guide only. For more information visit www.rvc.ac.uk/fees

Practical and clinical experience

Animal Husbandry Extramural Studies (AHEMS)

Placements during the early years of the programme that provide experience with different animal species and industries.

Intramural clinical rotations

Clinical training in the RVC's hospitals and partner veterinary practices.

Clinical Extramural Studies (ClinEMS)

Clinical placements in veterinary practices and related industries that complement clinical training at the RVC.



Scan the QR code to learn more about the programme, entry requirements and application process.

Find out more about support for international students - www.rvc.ac.uk/international

Career outcomes

Graduates of the BVetMed programme are eligible to register with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) and practise as veterinary surgeons in the UK (subject to visa status).

The degree is internationally recognised, and students may also sit the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) to practise in North America.

Veterinary graduates pursue careers in:

- Companion animal practice
- Equine practice
- Farm animal medicine
- Veterinary public health
- Research and academia
- Government and international organisations

Study structure

1 Foundation Year

In the first three years, students are primarily based at the Camden Campus in London, studying core veterinary sciences while developing practical animal handling and clinical skills. This Foundation Year prepares students for veterinary study through focused academic and scientific preparation.

You will develop knowledge in:

- Foundations of chemistry, biology and physics relevant to veterinary medicine
- Animal handling, behaviour, welfare and ethics
- English for science and academic purposes
- Foundations of professionalism, scholarship and research in society

The small class sizes and bespoke curriculum ensure students are fully prepared to enter the BVetMed programme.

2-4 Years

Teaching focuses on understanding normal animal structure and function before progressing to disease processes.

Core areas of study include:

- Anatomy and physiology
- Integrated body systems
- Developmental biology
- Veterinary pathology and disease processes
- Population medicine and veterinary public health
- Principles of veterinary practice and professionalism

In Year 4, students move to the Hawkshead Campus in Hertfordshire, where teaching focuses on clinical science and preparation for clinical practice.

5-6 Years

During the final two years, students undertake clinical rotations as part of veterinary teams in the RVC's hospitals and partner practices.

Activities include:

- Observation and participation in clinical practice
- Small-group clinical teaching
- Case discussions and clinical decision-making
- Completion of a major research project
- Preparation for professional veterinary practice

Entry requirements

D110 Bachelor of **Veterinary Medicine** with Integrated Foundation Year

Every RVC course requires you to meet minimum academic standards. This is to ensure that you are adequately equipped with the skills and knowledge to successfully complete your course.

Academic requirements

This course is only available to international fee paying students. To be eligible to apply you must also meet the following criteria:

- Be at least 16 years old when the course starts.
- Be in the final year (when you submit your application) or have graduated from high school.
- Hold, or be completing, a secondary school qualification accepted by the RVC.
- Not hold qualifications and subject combinations accepted for entry to the BVetMed programme.
- Have studied either Biology or Chemistry to the highest level offered within your secondary school qualification and achieved strong grades.

Detailed information on accepted qualifications and the specific grade requirements for can be found on our website.

www.rvc.uk.com/foundation

Work Experience and exposure to animals

The RVC's BVetMed with Integrated Foundation Year helps you build your understanding of animals, animal husbandry, handling, care and welfare, and veterinary practice alongside your academic preparation for progression to the BVetMed programme.

We do not require a specific number of weeks or types of work experience. Instead, we look at the nature of your experience and what you have learned from it. Experience does not need to be extensive or gained through formal placements.

Before applying, you should have taken steps to develop a genuine understanding of animals and animal care. This might include recent experience interacting with or caring for animals that demonstrates you are comfortable working with animals and have explored your interest in veterinary or animal related careers. While many applicants will have experience caring for pets, this should go beyond routine pet ownership and involve active participation in animal care or animal related environments.

We recognise that opportunities vary. Applicants should normally be able to demonstrate some meaningful exposure to animals when they apply. Where this exposure is limited or outside the two-year timeframe, we would still encourage an application and may make an offer conditional on completing additional animal-related experience before enrolment.

Applicant Supplementary Form

As a part of your application, you are required to complete a supplementary form. The form will be available in our application portal. Further details, including the deadline for completing it, will be sent via email on receipt of your application.

Interviews

Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an interview in person. Interviews are compulsory and form an important part of the selection process.

Interviews are conducted using an in person multi-mini-interview (MMI) format, designed to assess the professional competencies expected of veterinary medicine applicants. Interviews for the BVetMed with Integrated Foundation Year are typically held at the RVC's Camden campus in London, as well as at selected locations in the USA and South East Asia.

Applicants are interviewed within the Foundation Year cohort but assessed within the same selection framework used for all veterinary medicine applicants.

English Language

IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 or above with a minimum of 5.5 in each component or an alternative acceptable English language qualification.

For a list of accepted alternative English language qualifications see www.rvc.uk.com/english-language

Application deadline

Applications must be made via UCAS by **15th October 2026**, for September 2027 entry.



Scan the QR code to see more details about the **£10,000 International Foundation Year Scholarship**

Studying at the RVC

A Supportive and Inclusive Community

You will study in a welcoming environment designed to help you succeed. Our Learning and Wellbeing team brings together academic, pastoral and student support services to create an inclusive community where students can thrive. Dedicated teams offer confidential advice on wellbeing, finances, disability and learning differences, alongside counselling and mental health support, ensuring help is available throughout your studies.

Engaging, Practical Teaching

This course uses a wide range of teaching methods to help you develop the knowledge, practical skills and professional habits required for a veterinary degree. Learning includes small-group teaching, digital resources, laboratory and dissection classes, and hands-on practical sessions with live animals. You will gain early experience in the Clinical Skills Centre while developing essential skills in communication, teamwork and problem solving.

Building Independent Study Skills

Alongside structured teaching, you will develop vital independent learning skills such as reading scientific literature, conducting research, preparing coursework and revising for assessments. With guidance from experienced tutors, you will build the confidence, discipline and academic skills needed for success in veterinary education.

Expert Academics and Professional Mentorship

You will be taught by specialists in biosciences, academic development and scientific English. Many RVC lecturers are internationally recognised researchers and experienced veterinary professionals, combining academic excellence with real-world expertise to provide high-quality teaching and strong personal support.

Two Campuses, One Outstanding Experience

The RVC offers the best of both worlds with campuses in Camden, London, and Hawkshead, Hertfordshire.

Camden Campus places you in the heart of London, ranked the number one student city in the world (QS Best Student Cities, 2025). The area is rich in culture, creativity and academic life, close to Camden Market, Regent's Park, London Zoo and major institutions such as the Francis Crick Institute. With excellent transport links from King's Cross St Pancras – including underground, overground and Eurostar services – you can travel easily across London, the UK and Europe. Student accommodation is available both on and off campus.

Hawkshead Campus offers a peaceful countryside setting just 20 minutes from London. Set within 575 acres, it features modern teaching facilities, clinical centres and award-winning student accommodation. Students gain exposure to around 20,000 clinical cases each year, building practical experience and confidence in a professional environment. The campus is well connected by public transport, and the RVC provides a free shuttle bus from Potters Bar station.

Accommodation Designed for a Smooth Start

For BVetMed with Integrated International Foundation Year students, accommodation in Mary Brancker House is guaranteed for the first year when selected as a first choice. Living in course-specific halls helps you settle quickly, build friendships, and connect with students who share your timetable, workload and goals. Additional accommodation is available at both campuses.

Find out more - www.rvc.ac.uk/camden-accommodation

Find out more - www.rvc.ac.uk/hawkshead-accommodation



Camden Campus

Royal College Street
London, UK NW1 0TU



Hawkshead Campus

Hawkshead Lane, Hatfield
Hertfordshire, UK AL9 7TA

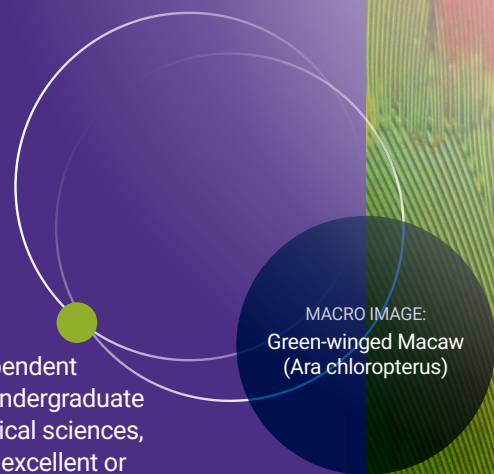
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ROYAL
VETERINARY
COLLEGE

A 235-year history of innovation in science and clinical practice – still making history.

The Royal Veterinary College (RVC) is the UK's largest and longest established independent veterinary school and is a Member Institution of the University of London. Offering undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in veterinary medicine, veterinary nursing and biological sciences, the RVC is a research-led institution with 88% of its research rated as internationally excellent or world-class in the most recent Research Excellence Framework 2021.



MACRO IMAGE:
Green-winged Macaw
(*Ara chloropterus*)

Direct progression to the RVC BVetMed degree

a fully integrated pathway into the veterinary programme.

Designed for high-achieving international students

whose school systems do not enable them to meet the academic requirements for direct entry to veterinary medicine.

The UK's first integrated veterinary foundation pathway

designed specifically for international students providing entry into veterinary medicine.

Curriculum aligned with BVetMed teaching and assessment

ensuring a smooth transition into Year One.

Early practical animal experience

including handling sessions and visits to the RVC Clinical Skills Centre and teaching farm.

Small cohorts with personalised academic support

including dedicated tutors and English for scientific study.



Scan the QR code to find out more about our visits and events. We will be visiting schools, hosting online information webinars, and are happy to arrange one-to-one calls to answer any questions.