The overall goal of the Summer Scholar Research Program is to increase the number of scientifically trained veterinarians who are successful as biomedical scientists.

Through hands-on experience, working on individualized research projects and by interaction with successful role models and mentors in a research-intensive environment, scholars come to a better understanding and appreciation of the importance of veterinary research in improving animal and human health.
Scholars work with faculty mentors and other researchers for approximately three months (mid-May through mid-August). Through hands-on experiences, seminars and tours, students gain valuable perspectives on the exciting roles played by veterinarians in biomedical and public health research. A stipend is provided to defray costs of participation.

**Summer Scholars Gain Valuable Experience in:**

- Cutting-edge approaches and technologies in cellular and molecular biology research
- Critical thinking skills in research
- Scientific writing
- Ethics in research
- Hypothesis-based research proposal preparation
- Experimental design and data analysis
- Career opportunities for DVMs in biomedical research, laboratory animal medicine and public health

**Eligibility**

- The program is open to first- and second-year veterinary students enrolled in any of the U.S. colleges and schools of veterinary medicine.
- Students from overseas institutions are also considered for participation.
- Students enrolled in graduate programs are not eligible to participate.
- A GPA of 3.0 or higher is required.
- Preference is given to applicants who have not previously participated in the program.

**Applications**

Expand your horizons by working in a stimulating research environment. Applications are accepted in January and February each year.

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