



Martin-Gatton
College of Agriculture,
Food and Environment



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Dear Friends of UK,

The University of Kentucky is committed to supporting the growth of our pre-veterinary advising program, in the hopes of supporting students and fostering excitement for the veterinary profession.

In early 2022, a large animal veterinarian shortage was reported in Kentucky as farmers struggle to find veterinary services in rural areas. Fostering the next generation of veterinary professionals has become a priority, not only to recruit students to this career path but to support a healthier work/life balance and financial stability for those currently in the field.

On February 15, 2025, the UK Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and the Kentucky Horse Council are joining forces to offer a Pre-Veterinary Experience Day, a day-long opportunity for undergraduate students interested in a veterinary career. This event will focus on sharing information critical for informed decision-making while exploring the diversity of career options available within veterinary medicine.

Located at The Thoroughbred Training Center, in Lexington Kentucky, 150 pre-registered undergraduate students interested in a veterinary career will attend the event. Students will start the day with academic seminars offered by pre-veterinary advisors, followed by a panel discussion composed of veterinary professionals who will discuss their experiences within the veterinary industry. Students will also engage in one focus option with a choice of subject and location: private small animal, private mixed animal, private equine, corporate large animal/livestock, government, and practical wildlife. These focus areas will give attendees the opportunity to experience a specific aspect of veterinary medicine and ask questions of a professional in their area of interest.

This event aims to develop a population of pre-veterinary students who are knowledgeable, dedicated, and passionate about the veterinary profession, taking us one step closer to addressing veterinary industry issues.

I hope that you will consider supporting the Pre-Veterinary Experience Day. Enclosed are Sponsorship Levels and various opportunities to contribute, as well as contact information if you have questions or would like to get involved with future events.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amber McNamara'.

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PRE-VETERINARY EXPERIENCE DAY



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 | THOROUGHBRED TRAINING CENTER | LEXINGTON, KY

The Pre-Vet Experience Day provides undergraduate students interested in a veterinary career with information critical for informed decision making.

Hosted in Lexington, KY, this day-long event offers students insight into current veterinary medicine issues, highlighting the exciting diversity of career opportunities while addressing topics like student debt, mental health and work-life balance. A panel discussion with current veterinary professionals will debate functional ways of navigating these industry concerns.

Attendees will also have the ability to choose between informational sessions based on their level of knowledge and stage of preparation for veterinary school.

Those who are early in their investigation of the pre-veterinary pathway may choose sessions focused on assessing their veterinary schools and understanding basic application requirements. Those students who are further along in their pre-veterinary journey can opt into sessions providing insight into the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS) and advanced strategies in presenting themselves as competitive veterinary school applicants.

In the afternoon, students will have the opportunity to engage with industry professionals as they explore an aspect of veterinary medicine through one of six potential focus options including:

- » Private Equine Focus – Park Equine Hospital
- » Private Small Animal Focus– Richmond Road Veterinary Clinic
- » Private Mixed Animal Focus – Commonwealth Veterinary Clinic
- » Corporate Large Animal/Livestock Focus – Bluegrass Stockyards
- » Government, Corporate and Academic Opportunities – UK Veterinary Diagnostic Lab
- » Practical Wildlife Focus – Wildlife veterinarians hosted by The Thoroughbred Training Center

The Pre-Veterinary Experience Day is hosted by the University of Kentucky with collaboration from the Kentucky Horse Council and supported by multiple industry partners. It is designed to encourage and foster interest in veterinary careers by providing up-to-date information on a variety of topics, including career opportunities, financial assistance, veterinary school applications and more.

PRE-VETERINARY EXPERIENCE DAY **AGENDA**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:00-8:00 AM

REGISTRATION

Thoroughbred Training Center, Lexington, KY

8:00-8:10 AM

WELCOME / INTRODUCTION

8:15-8:50 AM

SESSION I

Option A (early pre-vet students)

Introduction to pre-veterinary medicine:
Planning and Preparation

Option B (advanced pre-vet students)

VMCAS overview:
Format and timing
Supplemental applications and fees

9:00-9:35 AM

SESSION II

Option A (early pre-vet students)

Overview of veterinary schools:
Comparisons of cost, schedules, formats, and more

Option B (advanced pre-vet students)

Advanced student resources
Experiences entries, interview types, essay(s), and more

9:45-10:20 AM

SESSION III

Career Options in Veterinary Medicine

10:20-10:40 AM

BREAK

10:40-11:30 AM

SESSION IV

Apply Smarter to Veterinary School
Speaker: VIN Foundation

11:40 AM-12:30 PM

SESSION V

Veterinarian Insight Panel: Challenges & Adaptations in Veterinary Medicine
4-5 veterinarians + 1 moderator

12:30-2:00 PM

NETWORKING LUNCH

REPORT TO FOCUS SITE AT 2:30 PM

FOCUS SITE VISITS

Students choose 1 of 6 options:

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SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

LEVELS	SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS	AMOUNT
Presenting Sponsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Naming rights for the Pre-Veterinary Experience Day 2025 event• Future UK Pre-Veterinary Programming opportunity with students• For information on additional "Presenting Sponsor" level benefits please contact Dr. Amber McNamara at Amber.McNamara@uky.edu or 859-218-7265	\$10,000
Platinum Sponsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognition as Platinum Sponsor in printed and online references to the Pre-Veterinary Experience Day• Opportunity to address attendees at networking lunch• Logo placement on the Pre-Veterinary Experience Day and KHC websites• Future UK Pre-Veterinary Programming opportunity with students• Name and logo inclusion in printed materials as Platinum Sponsor• Provided literature placed in welcome bags and on tables at lunch• Verbal recognition of sponsorship throughout the event and opportunity to host information table throughout the day• Inclusion of featured content in two (2) KHC e-newsletters and corresponding social media posts• Four tickets to networking lunch	\$5,000
Gold Sponsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognition as Gold Sponsor in printed and online references• Logo placement on the Pre-Veterinary Experience Day website• Name and logo inclusion in all printed materials as Gold Sponsor• Provided literature placed in welcome bags and logo on signage at event• Verbal recognition of sponsorship throughout the event and opportunity to host information table throughout the day• Inclusion of featured content in one (1) KHC e-newsletter and corresponding social media post• Three tickets to networking lunch	\$2,500
Silver Sponsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logo placement on the Pre-Veterinary Experience Day website• Provided literature placed in welcome bags and logo on signage at event• Verbal recognition of sponsorship throughout the event and opportunity to host information table throughout the day• Two tickets to networking lunch	\$1,000
Bronze Sponsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logo placement on the Pre-Veterinary Experience Day website• Verbal recognition of sponsorship throughout the event• Logo on signage at event• One ticket to networking lunch	\$500
In-Kind Sponsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name Recognition on the Pre-Veterinary Experience Day website• Verbal recognition of sponsorship throughout the event	In-Kind

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SPONSOR INSTRUCTIONS

LOGOS:

If your sponsorship includes logo placement, please email your print-quality, 300 dpi graphic to annem.wilferth@uky.edu by February 6, 2025.

FUTURE INVOLVEMENT:

To discuss other opportunities or future involvement, please contact Amber McNamara at amber.mcnamara@uky.edu

PAYMENT:

Make checks payable to: University of Kentucky. Please list Pre-Veterinary Experience Day in memo line. To complete your Pre-Veterinary Experience Day sponsorship, please complete this form and send it with payment to:

108 Gluck Equine Research Center
Attn: Annie Martin, Equine Philanthropy Director
Lexington, KY 40546

PRE-VET EXPERIENCE DAY SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please check here if you would like an invoice sent prior to payment.

Organization Name:

Contact Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

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Website:

Sponsorship Level: