



# UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Ranked #7 among veterinary colleges nationwide by U.S. News & World Report



The college's Veterinary Academic Building houses administrative and faculty offices as well as laboratory and teaching space.

## Education

The University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, one of six colleges at UF Health, is committed to excellence in teaching, research and patient care. From 2000 to 2023, our D.V.M. graduates have consistently ranked above the national average on the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination. Many of our D.V.M. graduates continue their education through internships at accredited veterinary institutions or private practices, and many go on to pursue residencies as well. The number of seats currently offered continues to be 104 for state-funded and 46 for self-funded applicants. We received a record 1,936 applications, which resulted in 341 Zoom interviews. We offer special interest certificate programs in Aquatic Animal Health, Veterinary Business Management, Food Animal Veterinary Medicine and Shelter Medicine. A state-of-the-art clinical skills laboratory provides dedicated space for students to enhance their training in clinical and technical skills. We also offer a combined D.V.M.-M.P.H. degree, a master's degree and a Ph.D. degree in Veterinary Medical Sciences, or V.M.S. Since 1993, nearly 400 students have completed the M.S. degree or Ph.D. degree in V.M.S. on campus. In addition, more than 600 students have completed our Master's online program in V.M.S., with a concentration in shelter medicine, forensic toxicology or veterinary forensic sciences. After graduation, our new graduates enter the workforce in research or professional positions in academia, government or industry in the U.S. and globally.

	UF CVM FY23	
State funding and tuition	\$59.6M	45%
Clinical service	\$48.9M	37%
Research	\$15.9M	12%
Foundation	\$6.7M	5%
Other	\$2.5M	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$133.6M</b>	



**Dana N. Zimmer, D.V.M.**  
Dean

UF College of Veterinary Medicine

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degree programs

508

D.V.M. students

65

27 M.S. / 38 Ph.D. students

176

distance education/  
online M.S. students

77

residents

27

interns

2

fellows

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**\$15.9**  
million  
research awards

**47,062**  
animals treated at  
UF Veterinary Hospitals  
in Gainesville

**19,568**  
animals treated at  
UF Pet Emergency  
Treatment Services and  
UF Veterinary Hospital  
at World Equestrian  
Center in Ocala

**111,861**  
all animals treated,  
including field visits

FY23 statistics

## Research

The UF College of Veterinary Medicine is a major leader in the neurophysiology of breathing, toxicology, immunology, infectious diseases and vaccine research. Our programs investigate emerging and exotic infectious diseases of livestock, pets, wildlife and humans. Our Aquatic Animal Health program remains one of the most broadly based of any veterinary college worldwide. In addition, our Center for Environmental and Human Toxicology is a leader in aquatic toxicology, with a major strength in nanotoxicology. The college is internationally recognized for its world-class basic science research in mucosal immunology, traumatic neural injury, vaccine development, malarial research, neurogenesis of airway defensive behaviors and cancer research, much of it conducted in collaboration with UF Health and the UF Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. Our researchers are actively engaged in COVID-19 studies that target the efficacy of approved drugs in disease treatment and prevention, evaluate the effect of genetic variations in human leukocyte antigens in disease severity, and focus on harnessing genome editing for drug discovery. We are also leveraging UF's strengths in artificial intelligence to apply supercomputing and machine learning to solve today's problems with tomorrow's technology for animal and human health. Currently, most funding support is provided through competitive grants from the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

## Patient Care

At the UF Veterinary Hospitals, we are dedicated to transforming the field through innovation. Last year, we provided exceptional treatment to an impressive 47,062 animals at our main hospitals, and an additional 19,568 animals received care at UF Pet Emergency Treatment Services in Ocala and the UF Veterinary Hospital at World Equestrian Center, which opened its doors in 2022. Equipped with world-class facilities spanning 40,000 square feet, the UF Veterinary Hospital at WEC leads the way in cutting-edge patient care for equine athletes and companion animals on-site and locally. With one of the highest caseloads among academic veterinary hospitals nationwide, veterinarians throughout the Southeast rely on us to provide top-quality care for their patients. We actively lead groundbreaking clinical trials in cancer therapies, skin allergies, heart disease and more, with many of these trials providing essential preclinical data for human research. The UF Veterinary Hospitals' transformative mission to revolutionize veterinary medicine through innovation can significantly impact the health and well-being of animals everywhere.

## Extension

Our veterinary extension team plays a vital role in education, research and training with many important animal industry groups in Florida. Their primary mission is to support local animal industries, but our expertise and skill in animal health, disease, production and welfare are recognized nationally and internationally. Our veterinarians directly support the cattle industry, both beef and dairy, small ruminant producers (goats and sheep), horse owners, poultry producers, deer farmers and our states growing aquaculture sector, as well as provide outreach to pets in animal shelters. The Veterinary Community Outreach Program provides spay/neuter and other veterinary services to local shelters.