



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 2020 our college's 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. Last year, we reviewed 1,372 applicants, of which 121 were invited. For the Class of 2025, we plan to have 130 students (94 state-funded students and 36 self-funded). We currently offer special interest certificate programs in Aquatic Animal Health, Veterinary Business Management, Food Animal Veterinary Medicine and Shelter Medicine. A new state-of-the-art clinical skills laboratory opened in 2015, providing dedicated space for veterinary students to enhance their training in clinical and technical skills. We also offer a dual D.V.M./M.P.H. degree program. Our faculty, who are housed in five academic departments, pursue both clinical and basic science research interests. Clinical and research collaborations exist between our college and other health-related colleges through the UF Emerging Pathogens Institute and the UF Center for Environmental and Human Toxicology, as well as with governmental agencies. Our strong extension outreach program allows us to work closely with a variety of agricultural industry groups.

	UF CVM FY20	
State funding and tuition	\$34.5M	35%
Clinical service	\$29.7M	30%
Research	\$17.3M	18%
Foundation	\$7.8M	8%
Other	\$8.5M	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$97.8M</b>	



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**6**  
degree programs

**454**  
D.V.M. students

**60**  
M.S. / Ph.D. students

**148**  
distance education/  
online M.S. students

**66** residents    **17** interns    **1** fellow

**\$17.3**  
million  
research awards

**42,731**  
animals treated at  
UF Veterinary Hospitals  
in Gainesville

**7,994**  
animals treated at  
UF Pet Emergency  
Treatment Services  
in Ocala

**89,029**  
all animals treated,  
including field visits

FY20 statistics

### Research

The UF College of Veterinary Medicine is a major leader in neurophysiology of breathing, toxicology, immunology and infectious diseases research. Our programs investigate emerging and exotic infectious diseases of livestock, pets and wildlife. Our Aquatic Animal Health program remains one of the most broadly based of any veterinary college worldwide. In addition, the college's Center for Environmental and Human Toxicology is a leader in aquatic toxicology, with a major strength in nanotoxicology. The college is also internationally recognized for its world-class basic science research in mucosal immunology, traumatic neural injury, vaccine development, malarial research and neurogenesis of airway defensive behaviors, much of which is conducted in collaboration with UF Health and the 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. 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

The UF Veterinary Hospitals are a major veterinary referral center. Last year, 42,731 animals were treated through our main hospitals, with another 7,994 treated in Ocala at UF Pet Emergency Treatment Services. An additional 38,304 animals were seen during field visits. The overall caseload in all of our clinics continues to increase. Our small animal caseload, including the satellite clinic in Ocala, is now the second highest in the nation among academic veterinary medical hospitals. To help manage this growth, as we celebrated our 10-year anniversary in 2020, we embarked upon a facility expansion project that culminated in early 2019, adding space to our emergency and critical care service. In the fall of 2018, we opened a new UF Equine Acupuncture Center in Marion County to more conveniently serve our equine clientele from that region. Patients seen in our small and large animal hospitals are referred by veterinarians throughout the state. Routine wellness and outpatient medicine clinics are also available.

### 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 (goat and sheep); horse owners; poultry producers; deer farmers and our state's growing aquaculture sector, as well as providing outreach to pets in animal shelters.

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