



Who will teach me the basic sciences?

Faculty includes full-time professors of the School of Veterinary Medicine and visiting professors from leading veterinary schools worldwide. Clinical tutors and teaching assistants are available for additional tutoring.

What facilities are available to the veterinary students?

In addition to the new lecture halls, library, and classrooms, there are new laboratories for basic science courses and surgery labs, a postmortem room for necropsies, and weekly videoconferencing with American veterinary colleges. A Teaching Hospital,* which includes two large consultation rooms, an operating theater, a modern, well-equipped lab, kennels, and student living quarters provides pre-clinical training opportunities.

Will I gain exposure to a variety of animals and their care?

In addition to the horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, and goats in the SGU pastures, 5th and 6th term Veterinary students will have the opportunity to work alongside veterinary tutors at the St. George's Veterinary Teaching Hospital, learning introductory clinical skills and promoting animal health and welfare on the island of Grenada.

What is the average class size?

Approximately 60-75 new students matriculate each term (August and January).

How long will it take to complete the veterinary program?

The veterinary program is completed in four calendar years. Students complete three pre- and para-clinical years in Grenada. In the third year, students proceed to the introductory stages of clinical work. For their fourth year, students complete their clinical training at an affiliated institution in the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada or Ireland.* In collaboration with the GSPCA.

Where is the final clinical year completed?

Currently we have affiliations with 17 colleges of veterinary medicine in the United States, 4 in the United Kingdom, one in Canada and one in Ireland. SGU students are assigned to one of our affiliated veterinary schools during their third year of study. In the fourth year, they work side by side with the students in the affiliated school.

Will I have to arrange for my own clinical training?

The clinical year is arranged by St. George's University.



Can I transfer from St. George's University to a US Veterinary School?

We have had 29 students transfer from St. George's University into ten different veterinary programs in the United States.

What opportunities exist to pursue additional graduate studies while at St. George's University?

We offer veterinary students the opportunity to pursue a combined DVM/MPH (Masters of Public Health) or DVM/MSc. The Master of Science dual-degree program gives veterinary students the opportunity to conduct active and original bench and/or field research in anatomy, marine medicine, microbiology, morphological and clinical pathology, parasitology, pharmacology and wildlife medicine. The Master of Science can also be taken as a stand-alone degree.

Will I be able to practice veterinary medicine in the United States after graduation?

Yes. St. George's University is listed with the AVMA, which means our graduates are eligible to participate in all licensing examination programs for foreign veterinary graduates.

Will I be able to practice veterinary medicine in the United Kingdom?

Yes, provided you have passed the Statutory Membership Examination of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. This is a written and clinical examination that is held in a UK veterinary school annually, in the late spring.

What opportunities are available to me after graduation?

St. George's University's veterinary training program prepares students for diverse career opportunities and is sufficient in breadth and depth for initial practice of veterinary medicine, for advanced professional specialization and for the life-long process of continuous professional development.

When is the application deadline?

We have two matriculating classes each year: January and August. The Board of Admissions utilizes a rolling admissions policy; therefore applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Early application is encouraged to take advantage of rolling admissions and scholarship opportunities. The final deadline for receipt of applications and all supporting documentation is June 15th of the current year for the August class and November 15th of the preceding year for the January class.



Please take into consideration the time it takes to secure official transcripts, standardized test scores and letters of recommendation. The Board reserves the right to defer any applications to the following semester if there are no available seats.

What is the average GPA/grade needed for admission to the School of Veterinary Medicine?

The average GPA of entering students is 3.0 or a grade of "B" or better; however, all aspects of the application are important, including the interview, work experience, letters of recommendation, and personal essays.

Where are the interviews conducted?

Although we encourage our applicants to go to Grenada for the interview, we understand that financial and time concerns sometimes make that impossible. Therefore, our admissions department will be happy to schedule an interview with one of our representative veterinarians closest to the applicant.

Can I apply if I am missing some of the required courses?

Applicants can submit their applications before completion of the necessary course work and may receive a provisional acceptance, as long as the course requirements are met prior to registration. SGU has biochemistry as a requirement for entry; it is not in the DVM curriculum. Students without biochemistry may enter a special program where they take SGU's third-year preveterinary biochemistry along with their first-term veterinary sciences courses.

Is farm experience necessary for admission?

A documented period of farm experience and/or some time spent in a veterinary practice is required.

Does a student need to take any standardized exams for admission into the University?

Students educated in North America must take the GRE or MCAT. Students educated outside of North America are not required to take any standardized examinations; however, when an applicant's native language is not English, he/she must take and submit scores from the TOEFL.



Can I transfer to St. George's University from a United States veterinary program?

Candidates must write a letter to the Board of Admissions, which will then determine if the candidate will be allowed to apply for admission with advanced standing. Advanced standing is not granted beyond the beginning of the second year.

How long is the Preveterinary Science Phase of the Program?

The Preveterinary Sciences Phase is three years in length; however, applicants are placed into the appropriate term based on their academic background. The first two years cover the requisite science courses in Biology, Chemistry, Math and Physics and also include General Education and Arts and Humanities courses to provide a broad-based educational foundation for tomorrow's physician. The third and final year of the Preveterinary Sciences consists of upper-level biomedical science courses designed to strengthen the student's preveterinary science foundation and enhance the opportunity for success in the Veterinary Medical Sciences.

What is the application process?

Upon receipt of your application, the Office of Admissions will inform you if any required supporting documents are missing. As soon as all materials are received, the candidate will be notified that the application is complete and is being reviewed to determine whether an interview will be granted. Applicants are assigned an admissions officer and are given the e-mail address and telephone extension of their officer.

What are the requirements for promotion from the 3rd yr of Preveterinary to the first year of the Veterinary Medical?

To be eligible for promotion to the first year of Veterinary Medical Sciences, a student must successfully complete the 3rd Preveterinary Year curriculum with a 3.2 GPA (B+) and pass the Preveterinary Science Comprehensive Examination (PVSCE). Students who enter the Preveterinary Sciences in the 1st or 2nd year must achieve a "B" average to maintain satisfactory academic progress.

Applicants from the United Kingdom: Can I apply to St. George's University through UCAS?

St. George's University is not a member of UCAS, which means that candidates should apply independently to St. George's University and may still apply to four schools of veterinary medicine through the UCAS system.



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Are Advanced Level students penalized in their admissions evaluation if they take a gap year?

No. In evaluating a student for admission, we look beyond academic achievement to the student's relevant work experience, community involvement, commitment to veterinary medicine, and range of personal interests. Whether it is a financial necessity or an opportunity to pursue non-academic interests, we recognize that a gap year can be an enriching and rewarding experience for someone preparing for the rigors of the veterinary medicine program. The gap year offers students an ideal opportunity to acquire some experience in a farm, wildlife or veterinary practice setting.

Is financial aid available?

Yes. US citizens or permanent residents of the US are eligible to apply for loans to cover the entire cost of their education including both tuition and living expenses. These low-interest private education loans, some of which are interest-subsidized by the school, have in-school deferment privilege. Scholarships are also available, but should not be relied on to meet the entire financial obligation of attendance. Residents or citizens of countries other than the US may be eligible for the International Peace Scholarship, a partial scholarship and loan scheme. Our Financial Aid counselors are well trained and willing and eager to share their knowledge as you consider the financial aspects of your education in veterinary medicine. Please call them at (631) 665-8500 or (800) 899-6337, extension 232.

How do I obtain more information about tuition and fees?

There are rate cards available from the University that detail the cost of tuition, or you can visit our website at www.sgu.edu.