

Welcome!!

*An Introduction to the
Pre-Veterinary Society, the
VMCAS Application, and some
Helpful Resources :)*



Today's Agenda

1. Introduce the E-board
2. Discuss our intentions for the organization
3. Present our socials
4. Display a meeting schedule for the Fall 2023 Semester
5. Go over the VMCAS
 - a. Components of the Application
 - b. Timeline of Submission
6. Present program comparison resources
7. Allow for time for suggestions for the semester (via Google Forms)

Meet the Executive Board!

Sara - President, Biology BS Major, Sophomore

Mary Clare - Vice President, Biology BS Major, Junior

A'lyssa - Secretary, Biology BS and Spanish BA Double Major, Senior

Kevin - Treasurer, Computer Science, Senior

Interested in joining the e-board? We are looking to fill the “Event Planner” position! Event planners manage the planning and follow-through of off-campus events like volunteer days and trips, as well as the creation of graphics for all club affairs. Please email us at prevetsocietyumbc@gmail.com if you are interested.

What are the goals for our organization?

- Explore the admissions procedures associated with various DVM and VMD programs
- Create timelines, resources, and centralized hubs for all things VMCAS
- Provide local opportunities for volunteering and animal experiences
- Connect with admissions teams
- And above all...
 - Empower our members to tackle the VMCAS application!

Connect with Us!

- myUMBC:
 - <https://my3.my.umbc.edu/groups/preveterinarysociety>
 - Our main hub for all upcoming events, meetings, and post-meeting slides
- Discord:
 - <https://discord.gg/wtQXgVr2Hm>
- GroupMe:
 - https://groupme.com/join_group/88166473/X1V2ha4e
- Instagram:
 - @prevetsocietyumbc

A Tentative* Schedule for the Fall 2023 Semester

Meeting Time and Date	Meeting Topic
October 4 @ 12 pm	Virginia-Maryland DVM Program Virtual Visit
October 18 @ 12 pm	Academic Preparation Presentation
November 1 @ 12 pm	Burn Out Presentation
November 15 @ 12 pm	Imposter Syndrome Presentation
November 21 @ 5 pm	PennVet Virtual Visit
November 29 @ 12 pm	Animal vs. Veterinary Experiences Presentation

* Tentative due to a potential Ohio State Virtual Visit

What other events are we planning ?

- A volunteer day at Days End Farm Horse Rescue
 - <https://defhr.org/>
- A volunteer day at the Baltimore Animal Rescue & Care Shelter (BARCS)
 - <https://www.barcs.org/>
- A collaboration with some other organizations on campus– stay tuned for more details!

The VMCAS Application - Basic Components

General elements:

- Schools attended and Program-Specific Prerequisites
- GRE or CASPer Scores (if needed)
- Letters of Recommendation
 - At least 3, no more than 6
- A 3000-word Personal Statement
- Awards and Honors
- Experiences...

Sourced from the AAVMC 2022 Applicant Guide

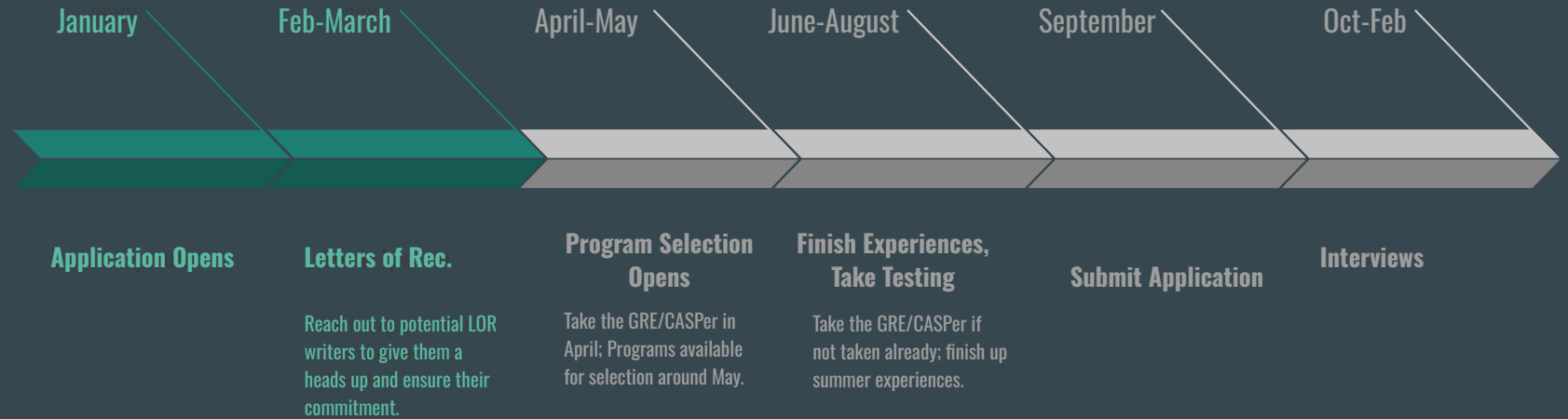
The VMCAS Application - Basic Components

Experience Types

- Veterinary Experience (with a Veterinarian)
- Animal Experience (no Veterinarian involved)
- Employment (not animal-related)*
- Extracurricular Activities
- Volunteer (not animal-related)
- Research*

* Not required, but strongly recommended

The VMCAS Application - A General Timeline



Program Comparison Resources

- Find programs at...
 - <https://www.aavmc.org/about-aavmc/our-members/>
 - The American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC)'s fully accredited (officially recognized), provisional (in the process of becoming officially accredited), and affiliated programs
 - <https://applytovetschool.org/>

Veterinary Medical School Admissions Requirements (VMSAR)'s directory on all programs and the needs that must be met to attend them

Filters Clear All Filters

CoE Accredited

Location
Country ▼

Council of Education Accredited

Allows to Establish Residency

International Students Accepted

DEI Programs

VMCAS Application
 Yes No

Bachelor's Degree Required
 Yes No

Interview Required
 Yes No

Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine

VA | USA Compare

 **VMCAS Application:** Yes **Bachelor's Degree Required:** No

Interview Required: Yes **Council of Education Accredited:** Yes

International Students Accepted: Yes **GRE Required:** No

Allows to Establish Residency: No **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Programs:** Yes

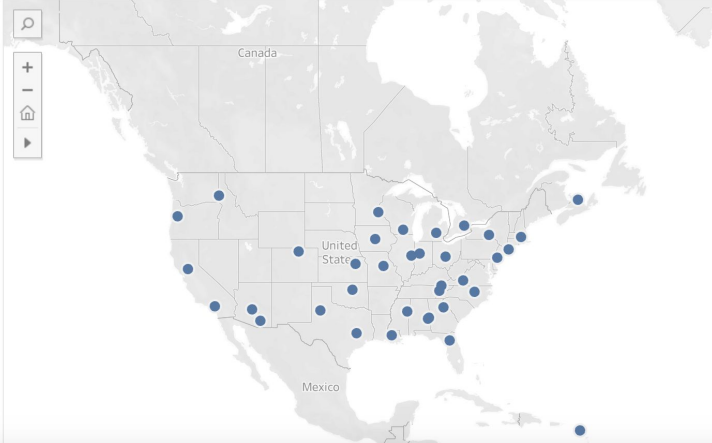
Program Comparison Resources

- Financial-Based Tools:

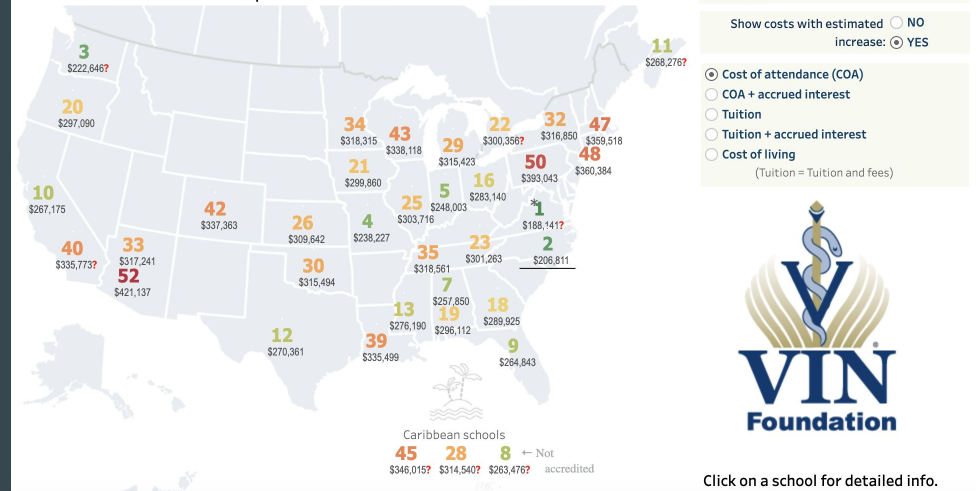
- <https://www.aavmc.org/becoming-a-veterinarian/funding-your-degree/cost-comparison-tool/>
- <https://www.vin.com/studentdebtcenter/default.aspx?pid=14352&id=7728661>

AAVMC
American Association of
Veterinary Medical Colleges

Cost Comparison Tool Graduating Class of 2022



Cost of Education Map - How much will it cost?



Click on a school for detailed info.

Please use the following links to provide suggestions for the year!

- A form for vet school admissions meetings
 - <https://forms.gle/RrjNUa6Adwh8PSeR7>
- A form for meeting ideas
 - <https://forms.gle/8GmmGMm7wWAYe81E9>
- A form for your personal interests for the club
 - <https://forms.gle/yeFAvFuSdZN8Uv2s9>

Questions?