

Our ref: FOI/2223/284

Name: James Cannon
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Dear James,

Your request for information received on 13 February 2023 has now been considered. A response is provided below.

Can I please request the following information relating to your veterinary medicine/science courses?

For the entry years 2020 to 2023 what was the minimum number of weeks work experience you required in:

- a) *veterinary practice*
- b) *Other environments, in which case please specify what types of environments.*

For entry in 2023

Applicants are expected to have gained a minimum of three weeks (15 days) of hands-on animal-related work experience and we strongly recommend that at least one week of this work experience is in veterinary practice. If applicants are unable to secure a placement in veterinary practice then they must complete the [Virtual Work Experience and Exploring the Veterinary Profession MOOC](#), in addition to the 15 days of animal-related work experience. The three weeks of work experience must be obtained within the five-year period directly preceding the application deadline.

For entry in 2022

Applicants were expected to have gained a minimum of 15 days of any type of animal or veterinary-related work experience or 10 days of any type of animal or veterinary-related work experience plus the [Introduction to Studying Veterinary Medicine - Course - FutureLearn](#).

For entry in 2021

Applicants were expected to have gained a minimum of 5 days of any type of animal or veterinary-related work experience.

For entry in 2020

Applicants were expected to have gained a minimum of five weeks of work experience, between January 2016 and the UCAS application deadline of October 2019. These five weeks should have consisted of three weeks animal husbandry and two weeks clinical/veterinary practice.

If you do not require a specific amount of work experience, what was the highest and lowest amount of experience gained by students who received an offer?

Not applicable

How is a students work experience used in the application process:

- a. *Before interview.* **Applicants must meet the minimum criteria of prior work experience to be considered for interview.**

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- b. *During the offer process. Not used*
- c. *At any other stage. Not used*

Do you intend to change your requirements for 2024 entry?

No. See <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/veterinary-science/study/how-to-apply/>

Do you offer any opportunities for students who are having difficulties in obtaining work experience to gain some with your institution?

Yes. We offer work experience within the School of Veterinary Science. This is available to applicants from widening participation backgrounds who attend our outreach activities.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request for information, you have a right under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act to ask the University to review it; however, you must do so within 40 working days of the date of this response. Your request should include our reference number and explain the reason for requesting a review. Email foi@liverpool.ac.uk or write to the Freedom of Information Reviewer, Legal & Governance, University of Liverpool, Foundation Building, 765 Brownlow Hill, Liverpool L69 7ZX. We will respond to your request for an internal review within 20 working days of receipt.

Following an internal review, if you are still dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. Telephone: 0303 123 1113 www.ico.org.uk. There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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