Welcome to the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science

You are about to embark on the most exciting adventure of your life. We provide a fresh approach to veterinary education with a progressive and dynamic environment, which delivers an outstanding student experience.

The veterinary world is facing new challenges and it is our aim to equip you with the diagnostic, medical, surgical and other skills required to succeed in a changing world.

We offer three exciting and innovative degree courses, which are designed with clinical outcomes in mind and based upon excellence in teaching informed by scientific research.

The five-year course leads you from day one through a clinically integrated programme with body-system based modules each covering all of the common domestic, wildlife and exotic species. Our philosophy is that your education needs to be hands-on, bringing you into contact with animals and clinical case scenarios from the very beginning of your course. With this in mind, you will spend a lot of your time in our purpose-built clinical teaching facilities, as well as working with our local Clinical Associates and the on-site animal facilities.

Our six-year courses include Gateway or Preliminary Years, which provide students with the relevant knowledge of biology, chemistry, animal health and husbandry required for later years of the course. Years two to six follow the curriculum of the five-year course.

I strongly encourage you to consider applying to study veterinary medicine and surgery at Nottingham. We believe that our courses, which integrate clinical medicine and surgery with pathology and basic sciences, ensure that a Nottingham graduate gains the best possible foundation on which to build any future career in the veterinary profession.

Professor Gary England
Foundation Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science

Don’t forget to watch our videos to hear from staff and students from across the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences:

www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/watch-mhsfaculty

Front cover image: Veterinary students Alice Manley and Riaz Rhemu, with springer spaniel Twig, a teaching dog.
Why study veterinary medicine and surgery at Nottingham?

Nottingham Veterinary School opened in 2006 and was the first veterinary school to open in the UK in 50 years. It is internationally recognised as a leading centre for teaching and research.

We are:
• rated highest for overall satisfaction in each National Student Survey since the school was established
• highly regarded by our students in each of the Association of Veterinary Students surveys; our students have been more positive about every single aspect of the course at Nottingham than all other universities in the UK
• ranked consistently high in The Complete University Guide and The Guardian’s university league tables
• able to offer a student to academic staff ratio of 5:1
• ranked 2nd in the country for research power according to the latest Research Excellence Framework*
• recognised as the best place to study veterinary medicine in the UK by The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2015
• one of only 10 European veterinary schools fully accredited by the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education

Innovative teaching
We believe that the Nottingham Veterinary School offers a ground-breaking opportunity for new approaches to veterinary education with the development of our five-year course.

• We provide a course which integrates hands-on clinical practice from day one and is delivered using innovative teaching methods.
• Vet students at Nottingham gain substantial early experience with animals from day one of the course, ensuring that you gain practice in animal management and handling, together with understanding of the ‘normal’ animal.
• An understanding of research and the in-depth study of a particular subject is an integral part of the course for all students at Nottingham; this is recognised with the award of the BVMedSci degree at the end of the third year.
• Your studies will include time spent at the purpose-built clinical teaching facilities of the Veterinary School and other on-site facilities. In addition you will spend time at local Clinical Associates, where you will be taught by our University academics. This approach ensures exposure to a significant relevant clinical caseload.
• Our problem-oriented approach to learning will provide you, on graduation, with core competencies that include problem-solving skills and an understanding of research, preparing you well for your future professional development.

Six-year courses
Nottingham Veterinary School also offers two six-year courses. The Gateway Year course is designed to widen participation for students who may have lacked educational opportunities or have disadvantaging circumstances. The Preliminary Year course is designed for able students who do not have the required science qualifications for direct entry into year one of the five-year programmes. Years two to six follow the programme of the five-year BVM BVS with integrated BVMedSci course. For more details please see page 13.
Facilities and resources
The Veterinary School has state-of-the-art facilities for both research and learning, including a large lecture theatre and seminar rooms, numerous small-group teaching rooms, dissection and teaching laboratories, surgery suite and clinical skills laboratory. In addition, the school infrastructure has been designed to maximise e-learning – by investing in electronic whiteboards and video technology, for example. The school provides stables for students’ horses, a large indoor arena, and has a dedicated large animal smallholding, an exotic and pet unit, an aviary and an apiary.

There are also teaching and research facilities for cattle, pigs, poultry and sheep associated with the University’s commercial farm, which includes a dairy centre.

Beautiful surroundings
The 100-acre Sutton Bonington Campus where we are based is located in the beautiful countryside of South Nottinghamshire and possesses its own library, sports centre, housing and social amenities. There are free regular daily and evening bus services to University Park Campus in Nottingham and Nottingham city centre, allowing you to take full advantage of the social and sporting activities available there.

Pastoral and academic support
The school, the University centrally and other students provide both conventional and specialist academic and pastoral support to undergraduates. Student support is provided from the moment you accept a place with us and continues throughout the course. The University provides a wide range of academic and welfare services, including careers advice, counselling, disability support, English language courses for international students, childcare, faith support, healthcare and specialist learning support.

The school employs a number of measures to ensure that any student who is having difficulties with their studies or with any non-academic problems is identified and supported. Our staff are highly accessible which means you can talk to them when you need to – not just about academic issues but about any aspect of your life as a student at Nottingham.

You will be assigned a personal tutor who you will meet in timetabled sessions to discuss pastoral issues and to review your performance on the course, including a review of your examination performance, feedback from Extra Mural Studies (EMS) placements and your portfolio and skills diary. You will also become part of an across-year veterinary family comprising all tutees of your personal tutor. Our support is award-winning; Dr Catrin Rutland was named runner up in the 2015 Students’ Union Staff Oscars for Personal Tutor and Best Dissertation Supervisor, with colleague Alison Curzon runner up in the Best Teaching All-Rounder category.

You will also be able to discuss problems with, and access support from, four senior tutors, a dedicated student welfare team, a disability liaison officer and year administrators. The school has a Student Progress Committee that helps students devise and implement plans to improve academic or non-academic abilities.

Preparation for employment
Our unique Personal and Professional Skills module provides learning in a number of areas related to pastoral and academic support, including learning methods, stress management, communication skills and understanding of different personality types, together with careers and financial advice in preparation for employment.

Veterinary Society
You will be able to join a peer mentoring scheme, ‘Big Vet, Little Vet’, through the student-run Nottingham Veterinary Society, which also provides a vast range of social, pastoral and academic events. All students are members of the Association of Veterinary Students and are able to attend a variety of national events.
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* 24 places allocated across D190 and D104.

For more detailed information on our entry requirements, including required subjects, please see page 26.

“I always knew I wanted to study veterinary medicine at Nottingham. It’s an innovative course taught in state-of-the-art facilities, and it’s exciting to be a part of the evolution of veterinary teaching. Course aside, I’ve never met a more lovely group of people in one place, not just in the Vet School building but the whole campus. I’m proud to call Sutton Bonington my home.”

Amy Stamp
BVM BVS with integrated BVMedSci
Our belief is that a veterinary curriculum should comprise basic veterinary sciences and clinical subjects delivered progressively in a clinically integrated programme, using a problem-oriented approach and providing you with animal experience from day one of the course. The problem-oriented approach uses clinical material to inform you of the clinical relevance of basic veterinary sciences.

In our curriculum the majority of your educational experience is provided in body-system based modules (for example, Cardiorespiratory System and Reproductive System), each covering all the common domestic, wildlife and exotic species. This allows you to gain an overall picture of the body system by integrating more traditional subjects such as anatomy, physiology and normal function. Each module is delivered once as a veterinary science subject (during year one or two) and again as a clinical subject (during year three or four).

Clinical education and experience is delivered in the lecture-free final year where you work alongside University academic staff placed in Clinical Associate establishments, such as veterinary practices and hospitals and Twycross Zoo. The final year provides experience of all domestic species, livestock production systems, veterinary public health, wildlife conservation and exotic animal medicine.

Our approach to clinical teaching provides you with experience of first and second-opinion cases and tertiary referral and will result in the acquisition of true ‘day-one’ competencies.

Our veterinary undergraduate curriculum is taught using a modular system over the first four years with a lecture-free clinical year in year five.

Years one and two develop learning primarily about the ‘normal’ animal using clinical case examples and scenarios. You will also develop animal-handling skills, and understanding of animal husbandry, relevant industries and the role of animals in society. The Personal and Professional Skills module focuses on learning, communication and the professional role of the veterinary surgeon.

Years three and four develop learning about animal production, trauma management, disease processes, diagnosis, management and prevention of disease. This part of the course also integrates learning of pathological processes with the food industry, zoonotic disease and public health. Personal and Professional Skills is expanded to incorporate business skills and entrepreneurship.

Year five consists of a series of rotations comprising small-group clinical teaching in a hospital/practical/laboratory situation at our Clinical Associates. Teaching and learning is based upon observation, discussion and practical experience; at each establishment you are under the supervision of University academic staff placed at, and working within, the Clinical Associate.

A total of 12 weeks of Animal Husbandry Extra Mural Studies (AHEMS) and 26 weeks of Clinical EMS (CEMS) is also undertaken. AHEMS and CEMS are organised in accordance with recommendations as defined by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS). EMS expose you to the practical, ethical, financial, managerial and inter-personal aspects of professional practice. EMS placements are appropriately supervised and assessed and take place during vacations as well as during year five. Up to four weeks of AHEMS and 10 weeks of CEMS may be undertaken abroad.

At the end of year five, successful students graduate with the Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (BVM) and Bachelor of Veterinary Surgery (BVS) degrees and are entitled to register as members of the RCVS on graduation from Nottingham.

Professional recognition
The school is recognised by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) and the BVM BVS leads to registrable status with them after graduation. By awarding a veterinary degree, the University is confirming that you are fit to practise to RCVS standards. We select students who demonstrate appropriate attitudes and behaviour from the start.

We are one of only 10 European veterinary schools fully accredited by the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education.
### Typical modules

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For more detailed module information, please visit the individual course listings at www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy

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### BVM BVS with integrated BVMedSci

#### Veterinary Medicine and Surgery including a Gateway Year

**UCAS code: D190 (six-year programme) (open to UK applicants only)**

The six-year BVM BVS with integrated BVMedSci including a Gateway Year course is designed to widen participation in veterinary medicine and surgery. This provides an opportunity to upskill capable students who might not otherwise consider entry to the profession. The D190 course has been specifically developed for students who are studying science subjects but whose grades are not at the level required for direct entry into year one of the five-year BVM BVS with integrated BVMedSci programme, due to lack of opportunity or disadvantaging circumstances.

**The Gateway Year**

During the Gateway Year you will build on your academic attainment to date and gain relevant scientific knowledge required for the later years of the course. This fundamental scientific understanding will be set in the context of animal structure, function, health and care and behaviour will be taught in integrated modules that illustrate how these key areas interlink.

You will also develop animal-handling skills and an appreciation of the role of animals in society. This course is taught in conjunction with the Preliminary Year. On successful completion of the Gateway Year you will join the first year of the five-year BVM BVS with integrated BVMedSci course, with years two to six following the programme in the table opposite (see page 10 for details).

**Modules**

- Biology: An Introduction to Body Systems
- Biology: Cell Structure and Biochemistry
- Biology: Health and Disease
- Chemistry: Atomic Structure and Bonding
- Chemistry: Compounds and Reactions
- Introductory Maths
- Veterinary Animal Care and Behaviour

For more detailed module information, please visit the individual course listings at www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy

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### BVM BVS with integrated BVMedSci

#### Veterinary Medicine and Surgery including a Preliminary Year

**UCAS code: D104 (six-year programme)**

The six-year BVM BVS with integrated BVMedSci including a Preliminary Year course has been designed for able students who do not have the required science qualifications (but have high academic achievement in non-science or vocational subjects or extensive experience) for direct entry into year one of the five-year BVM BVS with integrated BVMedSci programme.

**The Preliminary Year (year one)**

In year one (Preliminary Year) the basic science subjects of animal biology, chemistry and animal care and behaviour will be taught in integrated modules that illustrate how these key areas interlink. You will learn key chemical concepts and the knowledge required of animal biology.

You will also develop animal-handling skills, an understanding of relevant industries and an appreciation of the role of animals in society. During the year you will enhance your animal-handling and husbandry skills by undertaking placements. This course is taught in conjunction with the Gateway Year.

On successful completion of the Preliminary Year you will join the first year of the five-year BVM BVS with integrated BVMedSci course, with years two to six following the programme in the table opposite (see page 10 for details).

Please see the Gateway Year course description for the modules you will follow in this foundation year.
We want you to have the best possible learning experience at Nottingham. We have taken the unique opportunity to design an outstanding course which meets the expectations of our students, the demands from the veterinary profession and the requirements of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

You will be able to experience a veterinary course that is underpinned by the latest educational techniques and which will keep you enthused and inspired to become an outstanding veterinary professional on graduation. Contact hours range between 25-32 per week for years one to four of the course; in year five, students undertake clinical rotations working alongside clinicians for up to 40 hours per week.

**Teaching and learning methods**

Teaching is delivered using four main teaching methods:

- Signposting lectures cover key topics which will also be further developed in self-study or practical sessions
- Practical classes, incorporating clinical skills (including live animal examination techniques and palpation, dissection, histology, diagnostic techniques and lab analysis)
- Structured self-study times to develop concepts further. These include specific learning objectives, learning resources and time limits and are reviewed in clinical relevance or plenary sessions
- Clinical relevance sessions are problem-oriented, using clinical material or scenarios, and they involve small-group, facilitator-led discussion. These sessions are timetabled at key points throughout the week. They will develop your understanding of significance, check knowledge learnt during self-study times and identify and resolve learning problems

Students are also assigned a small-group teaching room, shared with nine other students in their year, stocked with all key textbooks, skeletons, models and other teaching resources.

**Student laptops**

The school provides copies of all teaching session notes electronically and students are supplied with a free laptop computer which they use in the school, at home, while on EMS and at Clinical Associates. The laptop is pre-installed with all the software that you will need to aid your learning experience over the next five or six years, and there is on-going IT support available should any problems occur.

**State-of-the-art facilities**

As a Nottingham vet student you will spend a lot of time in our purpose-built clinical teaching facilities, and being involved with the on-site farming and agricultural activities as well as working with our academics at our local Clinical Associates. This will ensure you are exposed to a significant relevant clinical caseload.

**Key Information Sets**

Key Information Sets (KIS) are comparable sets of information about full or part-time undergraduate courses and are designed to meet the information needs of prospective students. All KIS data is published on the Unistats website: [www.unistats.com](http://www.unistats.com)

For Nottingham’s KIS data, please see individual course entries at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy)

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**How will I study?**

- Year-two students in a laboratory-based endocrine and integument practical.

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How will I be assessed?

Our assessment strategy is designed to assess achievement of the wide variety of skill and knowledge-based learning outcomes through different types of assessment.

A variety of assessment methods
Practical and clinical skills, competencies, professionalism and behaviours are assessed summatively through methods including practical ‘spot’ tests, short answer examinations, Objective Structured Practical and Clinical Examinations, (OSPEs and OSCEs), structured viva, the compilation of a portfolio and a skills diary.

Integrated clinical skills, competency, knowledge and professionalism are assessed through Directly Observed Practical Skills (DOPS) and Rotation Professionalism Assessments (RPA) while on rotation.

Online examinations
Knowledge is principally summatively assessed in online examinations, comprising single best response, assertion-reason, case-based, pictorial and clinical reasoning questions.

In addition, we provide formative assessment opportunities which allow you to evaluate and reflect on the development of your skills and knowledge as you progress through the course.

Feedback is provided for all formative and summative examinations.

“Our from day one, studying at The University of Nottingham has been outstanding – Sutton Bonington is the perfect place to study, and with so many opportunities to get involved in all aspects of student life, it is easy to find a balance between work and fun. My first year has been fantastic and I can’t wait for the next four!”

Amber Mosley
BVM BVS with integrated BVMedSci
The University of Nottingham is consistently named as one of the most targeted universities by Britain’s leading graduate employers*. In 2014, 98% of our graduates who were available for employment had secured work or further study within six months of graduation**.

Transferable skills
Our problem-oriented approach to learning will provide you, on graduation, with core competencies that include problem-solving skills and an understanding of research, preparing you well for your future professional development. The veterinary profession itself offers many diverse and stimulating career opportunities combined with the privilege of working with animals. At Nottingham we encourage all our students to build a broad range of skills that will appeal to employers. We have one of the most active students’ unions in the UK with over 200 societies where you can gain new skills, meet new people and even learn a new language.

Average starting salary
The average starting salary for 2013/14 full-time graduates of the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science was £26,741.**

Recent graduates
Emily Clarke – Intern, Newmarket Equine Hospital; Katie Fitzgerald – Farm Veterinary Assistant, Bishopton Veterinary Group; Lieutenant Dan McRink – Veterinary Officer, Royal Army Veterinary Corps; Fran Neve – Veterinary Surgeon, PDSA Swansea; Toby Trimble – Anaesthesia Resident, Glasgow University.

The University’s Careers and Employability Service
Our Careers and Employability Service, which is based on University Park Campus, offers an extensive range of careers-oriented services, including CV-writing sessions, interview advice, presentations by major employers and general career advice. As a University of Nottingham graduate, you will receive lifelong support from the service. This means that you can ask a careers adviser to look over your job application by email or Skype, or in person, and you can also access a database of graduate vacancies. For more information see www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers

The Nottingham Advantage Award
The University’s Advantage Award is a programme of activities developed to recognise and reward extracurricular responsibilities. It allows you to gain recognition for participating in a wide range of activities accredited by the University and shows employers that you have gained valuable skills. For further information, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/advantageaward

Postgraduate opportunities
The School of Veterinary Medicine and Science offers suitably qualified graduates excellent opportunities to study for MRes, MPhil or PhD, and also the clinically focused degrees of PG Certificate, MVM/MVS and DVetMed/DVetSurg in a wide range of veterinary, biomedical, biological and statistical research fields.

Postgraduate students are recruited from a diverse range of clinical and scientific disciplines including veterinary science, equine science, pathology, molecular biology, biochemistry, immunology, microbiology, physiology, statistics and bioinformatics.

Data sources:
* The Graduate Market in 2013, 2014 and 2015, High Fliers Research.
** Known destinations of full-time home and EU first degree graduates, 2013/14.
“I did visit other vet schools, I got offers from other vet schools but I just didn’t find them as friendly, as welcoming, as well organised – and that’s why I came here.”

Anna Briggs/BVM BVS with BVMedSci
Veterinary Medicine and Science

Find out more about Anna’s experience at www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/annabriggs

Anna is observing the Chilean flamingos during her placement at Twycross Zoo.

Scan the code to watch this video on your smartphone.
Your student experience

You’ve read lots about the degree programme you’re interested in, now it’s time to explore life outside of the lecture theatre. There’s so much for you to get involved in and explore at the University and around the city. We are proud to be one of the leading universities for student experience in the UK*, which will ensure that you have a university experience that you’ll never forget.

Your University of Nottingham – at home and around the world
We are proud of our stunning campuses and are continually investing in our grounds, buildings and amenities to ensure that you only have the best surroundings in which to live and study. Our main UK campuses have a mix of state-of-the-art facilities, including sports centres, places to eat and excellent learning facilities on every campus.
We’ve made getting from campus to campus as easy as possible and students can benefit from our free inter-campus Hopper Bus, so you’re never far away from the striking architecture and innovative technology of Jubilee Campus, the rolling parkland and period buildings at University Park, or the cutting-edge features of Sutton Bonington.

The University of Nottingham is Britain’s global university with campuses in the UK, China and Malaysia. We also have links with more than 300 universities in over 40 countries, adding a truly global flavour to your degree and giving you the chance to explore the world. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/about/campuses

Your new home from home
At Nottingham we offer a range of different accommodation options, rooms are available as single or shared, en suite or shared bathroom, all the way through to studio flats, and vary from self-catered to fully catered (19 meals per week). We also offer a guarantee of University accommodation for one year to all new full-time undergraduate students, subject to the following conditions: you firmly accept your course place at Nottingham, accept your offer of accommodation by the deadline given in your offer letter, and have an unconditional status no later than 31 August in the year you intend to begin your studies. If you are a new, full-time undergraduate student who is classified as international for fee purposes, this guarantee applies for three years**. For more information, including a breakdown of pricing, see www.nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation

Your opportunity to study abroad
As a University of Nottingham student, you will be able to apply for a variety of study abroad options. Whether studying at a partner institution or undertaking a work experience placement, spending time abroad is a fantastic opportunity to broaden your horizons, experience different cultures, meet new people and develop skills that will prove invaluable in the future and also look good on your CV. Please note, if you decide to study abroad, this will be in addition to, not instead of, modules on the university course.
If you do decide to apply to study abroad, the University will offer support from the application stage right through to your return to the UK, with advice on everything from immigration to possible sources of financial support. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/studyabroad

Your support network
Throughout your university journey there will be numerous people on hand to support you, including tutors and dedicated staff who will be able to advise you on various aspects of life as a student. We have Student Services Centres on all three of our UK campuses, which provide a range of support, information and specialist services to enhance your student experience. This support includes:

• Academic Support – can provide practical advice on areas of academic study; the service also provides specialist academic support for students with dyslexia, dyspraxia and other specific learning difficulties
• Disability Support – coordinates support and access arrangements for students with a disability or long-term medical condition
• Financial Support – provides information on the sources of finance available from government agencies and the University itself, and gives advice about financial matters
• Student Services – also advise on issues ranging from childcare, counselling and health to international student support, chaplaincy and faith support, as well as offering advice on paying your tuition and accommodation fees

Whatever you may need support with, they will either be able to help or point you in the direction of someone who can. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices

** Providing you submit your returners’ application in line with the requirements of the accommodation providers.
Getting involved in your Students’ Union

As soon as you start at The University of Nottingham, you are automatically enrolled as a member of our Students’ Union, which is considered to be one of the best in the country. There are hundreds of activities that you could be part of, providing you with the perfect opportunity to take up a new hobby or pursue existing interests. Choose from over 200 student-run societies, covering all interests and abilities, as well as local and national volunteering projects, to which you can commit as much or as little time as you wish.

The Sutton Bonington Guild is part of the Students’ Union and has around 40 clubs and societies on the campus. It has nine elected student officers who represent areas such as welfare, sport, societies and academic matters.

Our Students’ Union is home to a number of award-winning student-run media groups, which give you the chance to gain practical work experience both behind the scenes or centre stage as a presenter, actor or journalist. The Nottingham New Theatre, Impact magazine, Nottingham Student Television (NSTV) and University Radio Nottingham (URN) have all been recognised as the best in their field, winning a clutch of awards for outstanding achievements.

However you decide to become involved in the Union, you can be sure you will make new friends and learn new skills, all while having a lot of fun!

Find out more: www.su.nottingham.ac.uk

Sports

We offer sport at all levels and an excellent all-inclusive student membership offer, so whether you enjoy sport as a hobby or are an elite athlete we will have just what you need. We have over 70 sports clubs, which means we have the 2nd highest number of sports clubs of any UK university. If you’re not interested in joining a team but want to stay fit, we have sports centres on all of our main UK campuses.

Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/sport

Exploring your new city

With Nottingham city centre just a 10-minute bus ride away from University Park Campus, our students are always close to the action. Buses run through campus regularly and many run late-night services too, which is handy if you’re a night owl. For music lovers, you can take your pick from the world-famous Rock City, Capital FM Arena or one of the smaller gig venues for a more intimate live show. Nottingham is rich in performance venues, with comedy clubs and theatres catering for lovers of drama, musicals, ballet and panto. We are very proud of our sporting heritage, and with football clubs Nottingham Forest and Notts County in the city, as well as Trent Bridge cricket ground and the National Ice Centre on your doorstep, you might just become a sports fan if you’re not one already.

History and culture can be found in all corners of the city, with Nottingham Castle, Nottingham Contemporary arts centre, the Galleries of Justice Museum, Nottingham Lakeside Arts – the University’s public arts centre located on our University Park Campus, arthouse cinemas and three of the world’s oldest pubs all providing points of interest. If you enjoy shopping, Nottingham is perfect for you; independent boutiques and vintage shops in the bohemian area of Hockley mix with high street names in our large shopping centres to make Nottingham a veritable shopping haven.

Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/nottinghamlife

Download our city guide: www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/cityguide

Download our Sutton Bonington guide: www.nottingham.ac.uk/downloads
Entry requirements

Five-year BVM BVS with integrated BVMedSci Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (D100)

GCSEs and A levels
- Minimum of five grade As to include chemistry, biology, physics (or science double award).
- Minimum of grade B in maths and English language.
- Grade A at AS level in biology, chemistry and/or physics can compensate for achieving grade B at GCSE.

AS and A levels
- Minimum of grades CCC at AS level, including chemistry and biology (or human biology) and a third subject (excluding general studies and critical thinking).
- Minimum of grades AAB at A level, grade A in chemistry and biology (or human biology) and grade B in a third subject (excluding general studies and critical thinking).

Interim marks
- You must declare all interim marks (for example, AS grades or degree year and module marks), even if this is not your school or college’s policy. We will contact you once we have received your UCAS form if we require further information from you; failure to provide information will unfortunately mean that we will not be able to progress your application further.

Alternative qualifications
Scottish
- Minimum of five grade 1s at Standard Level to include chemistry, biology and physics, grade 2 in maths and English.
- Grade A at Higher Level in biology, chemistry and/or physics can compensate for achieving grade 2 at Standard Level.

Welsh Baccalaureate
- If the Welsh Baccalaureate Core is taken, this can be instead of a third A level.

International Baccalaureate
- Minimum total score of 34 overall with grade 6 in Higher Level chemistry and biology and grade 5 in a third subject at Higher Level.

Cambridge Pre-U
- Minimum of D3 (Distinction) in biology and chemistry, and M1 (Merit) in a third subject.

Irish
- Minimum of five grade As in Junior Certificate to include science. Grade B in maths and English.
- Minimum of grades ABBB at Higher Level to include grade A in biology and chemistry.

Degree
- At least a 2:1 degree in a science-related subject (any BSc) together with A level chemistry and biology (or human biology) at a minimum of grade B in each subject, with supporting GCSE qualifications as detailed above.

International qualifications
- The school will consider on an individual basis qualifications taken by international students.

Biomedical Admissions Test (BMAT)
We do not require BMAT scores for entry on to any of our courses.

Six-year BVM BVS with integrated BVMedSci Veterinary Medicine and Surgery including a Gateway Year (D190)
(open to UK applicants only)

GCSEs and A levels
- Minimum of five grade Bs to include chemistry, biology, physics (or science double award), maths and English language.

AS and A levels
- Minimum of grades BBB at A level with grade B in chemistry and biology and grade C in a third subject (excluding general studies and critical thinking).

Intermediate marks
- You must declare all interim marks (for example, AS grades or degree year and module marks), even if this is not your school or college’s policy. We will contact you once we have received your UCAS form if we require further information from you; failure to provide information will unfortunately mean that we will not be able to progress your application further.

Alternative qualifications
Scottish
- Minimum of five grade 2s at Standard Level, to include chemistry, biology, physics, maths and English.
- Minimum of grades BBBC at Higher Level in any order to include biology and chemistry.

International Baccalaureate
- Minimum total score of 28 overall with grade 5 in chemistry and biology and grade 4 in a further subject, all at Higher Level.
- Minimum of grades BB in Advanced Highers in biology and chemistry.

Vocational qualifications
- DMM at BTEC Extended Diploma (subjects considered on an individual basis), with supporting GCSE qualifications as detailed above.

Access courses
- The school will consider subjects taken on an individual basis. You must have 60 credits overall with 45 at level 3, of which 15 credits must be distinction. The diploma must include biology and chemistry to level 3. Minimum of grades B in maths and English language at GCSE.

Other information
Students must fulfil at least three of the following criteria:
- Being a first-generation entrant to higher education
- Family, cultural or financial reasons for needing to study in the East Midlands
- Attending a school or college without a strong tradition of progression to higher education
- Attending a school or college with a low average A level score
- Living in a deprived home location
- Being (or having been) a refugee
- Being (or having been) in local authority care (looked after)
- Other disadvantaging circumstances (reviewed on an individual basis)
Six-year BVM BVS with integrated BVMedSci Veterinary Medicine and Surgery including a Preliminary Year (D104)

GCSEs and A levels

GCSEs
- Minimum of five grade As.
- Minimum of grade B in chemistry (or science double award), maths and English language.

AS and A levels
- Minimum of grades CCC at AS level in any subjects (to include at most one of biology and chemistry). Only one of maths and further maths considered. General studies and critical thinking are not accepted. Biology and chemistry cannot both be taken at AS level.
- Minimum of grades AAB at A level in any subjects (to include at most one of biology and chemistry). Only one of maths and further maths considered. General studies and critical thinking are not accepted.

Interim marks
You must declare all interim marks (for example, AS grades or degree year and module marks), even if this is not your school or college’s policy. We will contact you once we have received your UCAS form if we require further information from you; failure to provide information will unfortunately mean that we will not be able to progress your application further.

Alternative qualifications

Scottish
- Minimum of five grade 1s at Standard Level. Grade 2 in chemistry, maths and English.
- Minimum of grades AABBB at Higher Level in any order to include at most one of biology and chemistry.
- Minimum of grades AA in Advanced Highers to include at most one of biology and chemistry.

Welsh Baccalaureate
- If the Welsh Baccalaureate Core is taken, this can be instead of a third A level.

International Baccalaureate
- Minimum total score of 34 overall with grades 6, 6, 5 in three subjects at Higher Level (to include at most one of biology and chemistry).

Irish
- Minimum of five grade As in Junior Certificate. Grade B in chemistry, maths and English.
- Minimum of grades AABBB at Higher Level to include grade A in biology and chemistry.

Degree
- At least a 2:1 degree in a non-animal, biology or chemistry-related subject with supporting GCSE and A level qualifications (as detailed left).

Vocational qualifications
- DDD at BTEC Extended Diploma (subjects considered on an individual basis), with supporting GCSE qualifications (as detailed left).

Access courses
- The school will consider subjects taken on an individual basis. You must have 60 credits overall with 45 at level 3, of which 30 credits must be distinction. Minimum of grades B in maths and English language at GCSE.

International qualifications
- The school will consider on an individual basis qualifications taken by international students. These qualifications will need to be equivalent to our A level and GCSE requirements.

Other qualifications and experience
- The school will consider on an individual basis applicants who have undertaken other qualifications or have relevant experience.
Applying for a place

We are looking for students who have the ability and motivation to benefit from our courses, and who will make a valued contribution to the school and the University. Candidates for full-time admission are considered on the basis of their Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) form. For more information on how to make your application stand out, have a look at our online prospectus:

www.nottingham.ac.uk/vet

All applications for both the five and six-year courses must be made through UCAS (including applications by overseas students). The deadline for UCAS applications for all veterinary courses is 15 October. You should ensure that you include details of all qualifications that you have completed and are studying.

Applications must meet minimum academic requirements and candidates must be able to demonstrate the appropriate attitudes and attributes required to be a veterinary professional. Offers of places on the course will only be made after interview. Further details of the admissions process can be found below and full details of our admissions policy can be found on our website: www.nottingham.ac.uk/vet

Admissions process
In summary, the following arrangements apply. It is important that the process of student admission into the Veterinary School is free from unfair discrimination of any kind. We have a fair and equal opportunities admission policy. All applications are considered equally on merit; students are selected on the basis of academic excellence and personal qualities. The admissions policy for this course aims to encourage a diverse range of people to study veterinary medicine.

The University particularly wants to encourage people with ability and commitment, but whose circumstances might make such study difficult, or who would be less likely to apply to Nottingham. Enrolling a diverse group of students enriches the learning environment for all students. It produces a veterinary profession that better reflects the communities it serves. There are five main phases to the admissions process.

Phase I: UCAS form, online questionnaire and situational judgement test submission
Online questionnaire and situational judgement test
After we have received your UCAS form you will receive correspondence from the Veterinary School asking you to complete our online questionnaire, situational judgement test and, if required, to provide us with further information on your qualifications.

Your personal statement
If you are applying to our six-year course (D104) we realise that you may also be applying for non-veterinary courses and as such your personal statement will be fairly broad. We therefore request that you provide us with a separate veterinary-specific personal statement (in less than 4,000 characters, including spaces), to be sent directly to the Veterinary School when you submit your UCAS form.

Phase II: Academic review
A review of the UCAS forms will aim to look for the minimum academic attributes that we consider necessary for a veterinary career.

Phase III: Situational judgement test
The situational judgement test assesses knowledge, understanding and awareness about what constitutes effective behaviour expected from veterinary surgeons. The results of the test are then used to select applicants for further review.

Phase IV: Non-academic personal qualities review
Personal and referees’ statements on the UCAS form (and the supplementary personal statement for D104 applicants) and further information provided by applicants in the online questionnaire are assessed to determine personal attitudes and attributes, personality and communication skills. A shortlist of candidates for interview is drawn up.

Phase V: Interviews, practical and teamworking assessments
Entry numbers
There are approximately 130 places on the five-year D100 course, and 24 across the six-year D104 and D190 courses. We do not admit students without interview or practical and teamworking assessment at an Assessment Day. We interview around 450 candidates at our Assessment Days, which are normally held between late January and March.

Your interview will test motivation, insight into a veterinary career and interest in veterinary topics. The practical aptitude assessment will not test your knowledge; rather we look for enthusiasm and aptitude. A group assessment will test how you work in a team situation. We will give you further information on the course and you will be able to ask any questions, meet current students and take the opportunity to look around the Veterinary School.

Offers
We normally make offers to around 150 of our interviewed candidates. Applicants will be advised of our decision via UCAS. All decisions will be made by the end of April. The courses are extremely popular and competition for places is high; as such we will not be able to interview or make offers to all candidates with a strong application.

Work experience
All applicants must have gained at least six weeks’ experience of working with a broad range of animals before they apply. This could include:

• experience at one or more veterinary practices
• working with larger domestic animals on a livestock farm
• other animal experience (for example, at kennels, a riding school or a zoo)

We may consider references from your work experience placements, exceptionally, in decisions on making offers post-interview only. We do not wish to receive detailed case studies or journals, although you could bring them to interview if you wish.

Course transfers
Students are not able to transfer into the Veterinary School from other courses run at the University or from other universities. Any application will need to be a new application through UCAS.
Equal opportunities policy
The University aims to create the conditions whereby students and staff are treated solely on the basis of their merits, abilities and potential, regardless of gender, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, age, socio-economic background, disability, religious or political beliefs, trade union membership, family circumstances, sexual orientation or other irrelevant distinction.

Deferred entry
Applicants who wish to defer their entry by a year will not be at a disadvantage. Please tell us something about your plans for your gap year in your UCAS personal statement.

Reapplications
We will consider a reapplication if you applied to us one year and were not interviewed. We will consider a reapplication following failure to gain an offer after interview only once you have completed a subsequent undergraduate degree. We will consider a reapplication if you gained an offer but failed to meet the grades. We will not consider a third application.

Applications to other universities and courses
Your application for the course is not affected by your applications to other universities and courses.

Late applications and Clearing
We do not consider late applications from Home/EU students; late applications from international students may exceptionally be considered. It is worth noting that due to the high calibre of applicants, places are not available during Clearing.

Re-sits
We will normally only recognise the marks achieved at the first complete sitting of the A level (A2). However, we will consider applicants who have re-sat A levels, although those will be viewed against the pool of applicants. We will require applicants to obtain AAA on their second attempt, rather than our standard offer of AAB (grade A in chemistry and biology). We do not consider any further re-sits after the second attempt.

Mature applicants
We encourage applications from mature students (which means all those aged 21 or over when the course begins). You should apply in the normal way through UCAS. While we accept a range of qualifications, you should check our specific requirements on UCAS course entry profiles. If in doubt, please contact the admissions tutor, who will be happy to answer any specific queries you have about applying as a mature student.

For more information about being a mature student, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/mature

International applicants
We welcome applications from international students and have students from many parts of the world studying with us at undergraduate and postgraduate level. All international candidates for undergraduate courses should apply through UCAS. The University’s International Office offers guidance and advice on matters such as visa and immigration regulations, working and living in the UK, entry requirements and preparing for coming to Nottingham – and arranges a Welcome Programme for new international students each September. If you would like to visit the University and are unable to attend an open day, the International Office will be happy to arrange an individual visit for you. For further information please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/international

English language qualifications for international students
Applicants whose first language is not English are expected to have or be taking suitable English language qualifications. The following qualifications meet our minimum requirements:

- British Council IELTS test – at least 7.5 (no less than 7.0 in any element)
- GCSE/O level English language – minimum grade B
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English – minimum grade B

Fluency and competence in English are essential for all veterinary students, both for understanding the course and for communicating with animal owners or keepers. As we do not offer places without an interview, competence in English is one of the qualities that can be assessed first-hand by the selectors. Interviews for international applicants may be held by telephone (with students invited to visit the school for a tour and to meet with staff and students at their convenience) or candidates can attend an Assessment Day.

For more information and a list of the alternative English language requirements we accept, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/alternativerquirements

“As a vet student at The University of Nottingham you really feel like you are on a cutting-edge course at the forefront of veterinary education. Every aspect of the curriculum has been specifically designed from the ground up to inspire the development of outstanding veterinary professionals.”

Guy Sandelowsky
BVM BVS with integrated BVMedSci

Flexible admissions policy
In recognition of our applicants’ varied experience and educational pathways, we employ a flexible admissions policy. If we judge that your situation has adversely affected your achievement, then we will consider this when assessing your academic potential. If you wish to mention information about your experiences in your personal statement, then you should ask the teacher or tutor writing your reference to confirm what you have written. We may ask for further evidence and may consider a range of factors. For more information, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/admissionspolicies
Fitness to practise

The award of the BVM BVS with integrated BVMedSci degree will entitle the graduate to be registered by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) and to practise as a veterinary surgeon. By awarding a veterinary degree, the University is therefore confirming that the graduate is fit to practise to the high standards laid down by the RCVS.

As a veterinary student, you will therefore be studying not only for a university degree but also a professional qualification. Consequently, the training is conducted in an environment that requires you to behave in ways that are consistent with the principles of veterinary professional practice. Some relate to behaviour and conduct expected from students from the outset while others will be acquired during the course.

At the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science, we will select students who we believe will demonstrate appropriate attitudes and behaviours from the start. The Nottingham curriculum also has specific objectives for professional attitudes and behaviours, together with opportunities to facilitate their achievement. Students who have difficulty in achieving these standards will be offered support and guidance to help overcome their difficulties. In the majority of such cases students will be successful. However, in exceptional circumstances a veterinary student may not be able to fulfil these requirements and continue to study veterinary medicine and surgery at The University of Nottingham. In such circumstances the Veterinary School will make every effort to identify an alternative suitable degree course within the University.

All students offered a place on the course will be required to accept the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science Code of Practice by signing a Student Entry Agreement. If your conduct as a student falls below the high standards of honesty or behaviour that the public has a right to expect from the veterinary profession, you will be required to appear before the Faculty Fitness to Practise Committee and your course may be terminated.

Students with disabilities or health concerns, mental health or behavioural difficulties
The school and University are able to put a number of reasonable adjustments in place to ensure that disabled students are supported adequately on the course. However, the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 requires that veterinary surgeons are able to give at least basic and emergency treatment to all domestic species. Students with any disability or long-term medical condition who are considering entry to the veterinary course should contact the school for advice before the deadline for UCAS submissions. Each applicant’s individual requirements will be taken into account.

We also require you to inform us if you have been treated for a mental illness, including if you have been diagnosed as having a personality disorder or if you have deliberately harmed yourself or have an eating disorder. We also ask you to tell us if you are addicted to drugs, including alcohol. Failure to disclose information which directly relates to your fitness to practise or our ability to protect your safety and that of our staff, clients and patients will result in termination of your course.

Exemptions from parts of the veterinary course
The veterinary course is fully integrated and therefore we are unable to allow any exemptions from any part of the course or from any examinations. All students accepted at Nottingham Veterinary School must take the full academic, clinical and extra mural components of the course.

All students offered a place on the course are required to complete a Health Declaration Form; this information will be subject to an occupational health screening confirming you are fit to undertake, and able to attain, the core competencies of the course and go on to be registered by the RCVS. The school also has a designated disability liaison officer. Please email jo.flewitt@nottingham.ac.uk for further information.

Criminal offences and other related matters
Because of the particular nature of the courses, the University uses the Disclosure and Barring Service to assess the suitability of applicants. You must advise us if you have received any convictions, warnings or reprimands. The University undertakes not to discriminate unfairly against any subject of a disclosure on the basis of a criminal conviction or other information revealed.

“Studying at Nottingham has been the best decision I could have made. The course here has a practical focus which has meant that from day one I’ve been practising the skills that will be the day to day norm in my future career. The learning environment has been first class throughout. Nottingham has given me a skill set that will allow me to enter the veterinary profession with the confidence and knowledge that I’ll need to not only be a vet, but to hopefully be a good one!”

Lucy Dobree
BVM BVS with integrated BVMedSci
Frequently asked questions

How long is a week’s work experience and do I need to complete this before I apply? We recognise a week’s work experience as five days and you need to complete the required 6 weeks work experience before you apply. This is because you need to be sure this is the right degree and career for you and we need to be sure that you have the commitment and enthusiasm required to undertake the course.

Which course should I apply to? You can apply to all the courses for which you meet the required criteria. Please note, it is not possible to apply to both D100 and D104.

Why do you not offer a course with the option of intercalating a degree? We do not explicitly offer this as an additional course as all our students gain a BVMedSci degree in year three; however, it is feasible and we encourage students who have the relevant aptitude to intercalate other degrees during their studies. A small number of our veterinary students have intercalated between years three and four or years four and five and are undertaking funded MSc, MRes and PhD degrees.

How do I access the questionnaire? Once you have applied to us we will send you a personal link to the online questionnaire.

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I have not got biology and chemistry A levels but have done an animal science/biology/chemistry degree – which course can I apply to? Unfortunately you are not able to apply for any course as you do not have a wide enough grounding for the five-year course, but have too much of one of these subjects for consideration for the six-year course.

Why do I have to have an interview, practical assessment and team-working assessment? We look for students who are well-rounded and able to excel in all areas of the course. Our selection process mirrors our teaching and allows us to select students who are appropriate to our course. It also allows you to gain a better understanding of what is involved in being a Nottingham student and gives you increased opportunities to show us why you should be a Nottingham student.

I am on a gap year during Assessment Days – can I have a later assessment or telephone interview? All applicants for UK government funded places are required to attend our Assessment Days. Failure to attend an Assessment Day will unfortunately mean that we will not be able to progress your application further. Telephone interviews may be held for international applicants or applicants may attend an Assessment Day.

I have not got an offer – can you give me detailed feedback? We have a vast number of requests for feedback from students who did not gain a place at Nottingham – unfortunately we are unable to provide detailed feedback to applicants, parents, teachers or other individuals.

What inoculations will I need? Before you join the course you will be required to be immunised against tuberculosis, hepatitis B and tetanus.

How much are the fees? Like many universities in England, Nottingham charges full-fee UK and EU students an annual tuition fee of £9,000. However, you will not have to pay your fees while studying – the government will lend eligible students the money, which you will start to pay back once you have left university and are earning at least £21,000. For more information, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/fees.
Visiting and contacting us

Open days
If you’re considering applying to The University of Nottingham we recommend that you try to attend one of the University-wide open days, which are held in June and September each year and attract around 30,000 visitors. The open days at the Veterinary School are very popular and pre-registration is essential. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/opendays

Assessment Days
If you are invited to an Assessment Day you will have extensive opportunities to talk to current students and staff and to take a guided tour of the school and campus. We do not run visit days for offer-holders.

Virtual open day
If you can’t attend one of our open days in person, or would like to explore our campuses before visiting, take a look at our virtual open day: www.nottingham.ac.uk/virtualnottingham

Other visits
Although the University campus is open to visitors all year round and tours are organised regularly, we are unable to arrange alternative visits and tours within the Veterinary School.

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