



**DUE NOVEMBER 1  
Submit Applications to:**

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VetFAST is a Fast track to a degree in veterinary medicine

**All over the nation, a shortage of veterinarians for food-animals has emerged.**

- Not enough veterinary students are training to work with dairy cows, beef cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, and goats.
- Rural areas cannot fill vacant positions or add new staff. Food industry positions are hard to fill.
- Federal and state agencies need more veterinarians to protect the livestock industry from new diseases and help to ensure food safety.

**To meet this demand, the University of Minnesota has introduced the Veterinary Food Scholars Program, or VetFAST.**

If you are thinking about a career in **food-animal veterinary medicine**, the VetFAST programs allows you to:

- Receive an admissions decision from the University's College of Veterinary Medicine at the end of your first year of undergraduate study.
- Waive the Graduate Records Exam (G.R.E.) requirement of your Veterinary School application.
- Participate in special summer independent studies, research opportunities, and internships.
- Complete your undergraduate pre-veterinary studies in three years rather than four.
- Benefit from mentorship with veterinary faculty and other veterinary students while you finish your undergraduate coursework.
- Get scholarships.

**Who is eligible?**

Any incoming freshman enrolled in the Animal Science major, which is supported through the University's College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences, is eligible to apply for the VetFAST program.

Complete this application along with a letter of support from a practicing veterinarian to be considered for the VetFAST program.