

Apply to become a Y-Cross Ranch Davis Scholar

Colorado State University Combined Program – Masters of Animal Science and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

If you are thinking about applying to veterinary school at Colorado State University, do not miss this opportunity!

Colorado State University offers the unique opportunity to combine your Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) Degree with a Master of Science (MS) Degree in the Department of Animal Science. This is not a program commonly offered at other institutions with veterinary programs and provides an excellent opportunity to students interested in the CSU program. The MS portion of the degree is funded by the Y Cross Ranch Animal Agriculture Scholarship Fund. The scholarship provides funding for your MS program tuition and assistantship for the first year of the program in addition to up to two summers following matriculation into the DVM program as needed to complete your MS degree. In this program, students will be able to expand their research and educational experience in the livestock industries in a variety of areas (e.g. beef and dairy management systems, nutrition, genetics, meat science, reproduction, and livestock behavior and welfare) prior to beginning veterinary school.

In the first year of the combined program, students will complete MS coursework and conduct their MS research. The four-year veterinary degree begins in the fall of the second year of the combined program. Generally, students will complete their research and prepare a manuscript for publication during the summer between years one and two of veterinary school.

Additionally, if you obtain Colorado domicile during this time, it is possible to be admitted to the DVM portion of the combined program as a Colorado sponsored student.

Application to this program occurs in tandem with your veterinary school application. This is a competitive program as only two to three applicants are accepted per year. More information about the application procedures can be found here: <https://vetmedbiosci.colostate.edu/dvm/special-degree-programs/>.

If you are interested in learning more about this program, please reach out to Jason.Bruemmer@colostate.edu in the Department of Animal Sciences within the College of Agricultural Sciences.

