



Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine

Pre-Veterinary Newsletter Summer 2010

The Cornell Supplemental Application is Available!

The **Cornell Supplemental Application** and the **VMCAS Application** are both up and running! To begin your Cornell Supplemental Application, you will need to have your VMCAS ID number. Once you have this number you can begin working on both applications at the same time. The following are the links to the applications and their respective deadlines:

- **Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS) Application** (www.aavmc.org)
Deadline: October 1, 2010 (12:00pm EST)
- **Cornell Supplemental Application**
(www.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/application/index.asp)
Deadline: October 25th

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Tracking Page

When you begin your Cornell Supplemental Application, you will also have access to a Tracking Page. On this page you will be able to see when transcripts and other documents have been received, your GRE scores that we have received, when evaluations have come in, the prerequisite courses we have verified, etc. It is important to check your tracking page often so you can follow up on your missing documents. The link to the tracking page is <https://secure.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/application/track.asp>.



Tips for Applicants

Throughout the application process we will be sending tips to those working on the Cornell Supplemental Application. For those of you applying this year, here are a few tips to get you started.

Tip #1: Start your Cornell Supplemental Application as soon as you can. On a regular basis we send out email tips (like these) and reminders to assist you in the application process.

Tip #2: Please make sure you have official transcripts sent directly from your college registrar to the DVM Admissions Office as soon as possible. We will begin tracking in documents and prerequisite courses late summer.

Tip #3: The recommended deadline for Prerequisite Course Substitution Forms is September 15th. We will continue to review these forms after the recommended deadline, but the response time may be delayed.

Tip #4: Watch your tracking page for documents and prerequisite course work to be tracked in starting late this summer. Note, this is a manual process, so allow time between having documents sent in and seeing it up on the tracking page.



Application Worksheet

You will find an application worksheet on our web site at <https://secure.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/application/index.asp>. This is particularly helpful if you want to review the application prior to completing it this year, or if you plan to apply in a future application cycle and want to have an idea of what to expect. The link to the worksheet can be found at: <https://secure.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/application/index.asp> (first bullet).

Summer Off-Campus Programs

*Meet the Deans- Health Professions Fair
(For students and advisors)*

Saturday, June 19, 2010, 1:00-5:00 *

Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel

Atlanta, GA

(in conjunction with NAAHP Conference)

For details and to register to attend:

<https://connect.computility.com/form/index.php?id=86f99547ffbdd33b5a531f5c7cb0eceb>

** Stop by and talk with Jennifer Mailey, Director of DVM Admissions about preparing for a future application to Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine.*

Student Profile

From Michigan to Machu Picchu, Student Pursues Interest in Large Animal Medicine

Karley Hermans, DVM Class of 2011

By Dan Gurvich

Karley Hermans DVM '11 grew up on a small farm in Midland, Michigan, surrounded by cows and sheep. She bought her first steer when she was 13. And yet, as a young girl, veterinary medicine was hardly her top career choice. "In fact, I swore that I would never become a veterinarian," said Hermans with a laugh. "At that stage of my life, it just didn't appeal to me." However, as she worked with the livestock on her farm, she began to change her mind, resolving to focus exclusively on large animal medicine.

After completing four years of research in microbial genomics as an undergraduate at Michigan State University and receiving fellowships from the American Society for Microbiology and the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, Hermans set her sights on veterinary school. She was drawn to Cornell by the strength of its faculty, its facilities, and by the research and clinical opportunities available for students interested in working with cattle. "Professors [Tom] Divers, [Chuck] Guard, [Daryl] Nydam, and [Ynte] Schukken are all very well known in the field," she said.

In Ithaca, Hermans hit the ground running, getting involved in a great number of extracurricular activities and

leadership roles. She has served as co-president of the Cornell chapter of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners, treasurer for the Swine Club, Colic Crew Chief, SCAVMA board member, and College representative to Cornell's graduate student assembly.

In 2008, Hermans began working as a research assistant on a calf model of the parasite *Cryptosporidium parvum* in Daryl Nydam's lab. While Hermans had acquired research experience at the molecular level as an undergraduate, she welcomed the opportunity to conduct clinical and translational research and to learn about parasitology. "Karley has great potential as a vet because she is bright, sees the big picture, is organized, and works hard," said Nydam. "She has been instrumental in devising and testing methods to optimize our lab techniques, and she is equally adept out of the lab wrangling rowdy dairy calves and performing obstetrical procedures to deliver calves cleanly."

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Nydam also helped connect Hermans with a research project in Peru through Cornell's Expanding Horizons, a competitive grant program that supports students working on animal research in developing countries. Hermans spent the summer of 2009 at the University of San Marcos in Lima, Peru, studying Ovine Pulmonary Adenomatosis, a type of lung cancer, and developing a blood based diagnostic test. Hermans would travel regularly to a 130,000-head sheep farm high in the Andes to collect samples. In addition, she toured the Alpaca industry in the Andes and worked with the Vicuña, an endangered camelid that produces some of the finest fiber in the world. Hermans also found time to travel widely throughout Peru, visiting Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley.

Looking forward to an academic career in large animal medicine, Hermans plans to spend several years after graduation acquiring additional experience in a clinical setting before returning to academia for either a residency in internal medicine or a PhD.



Summer On-Campus Programs

To register for an upcoming presentation and tour please visit the following link:

<https://secure.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/application/refgform.asp>

There is a limit to how many people we can accommodate on a tour. If you find the date you would like to attend is closed, please email us at vet_admissions@cornell.edu and we will put you on a **wait list**.

Summer 2010

Admissions Presentations & Tours

June 25th, 2:00-4:00

(Waitlist only- contact vet_admissions@cornell.edu to be placed on a waitlist for this program)

July 23rd, 2:00-4:00

(Waitlist only- contact vet_admissions@cornell.edu to be placed on a waitlist for this program)

August 6th; 2:00-4:00

(Registration Open at <https://secure.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/application/regform.asp>)