What is the VRSP?

The Veterinary Research Scholars Program (VRSP) at Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine (TTU SVM) is designed to introduce veterinary medicine students to research in a wide array of areas, such as clinical medicine, animal reproduction, animal science, one health, pharmacology, neuroscience, immunology, microbiology, physiology, molecular genetics, or molecular pathology. This is a 10-week program with hypothesis-driven projects under faculty-directed research activities.

Why is the VRSP important?

The uniqueness of the program is to provide students with research perspectives that will lead efforts to confront the specific challenges to veterinary medicine. Faculty-directed research projects focus on the complexity of one health - the intersections of human, animal and ecosystem health.

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How does the VRSP work?

Scholars work with faculty mentors and other research personnel for 10 weeks. The selection is a matching process based on research interests of faculty and scholars.

In addition, our program will provide high-quality and relevant science concepts through weekly journal club discussions and seminars. Scholars will strengthen critical thinking, leadership, and communication skills through hypothesis-driven research projects and oral presentations.

Scholars will also participate in mentor-scholar teambuilding activities to boost communication, collaboration, and creativity.

Who is a VRSP Candidate?

Applicants are TTU SVM first-year and second-year veterinary students with an interest in research activities.

The program commitment is 40 hours per week for 10 weeks. Students will be awarded at $6,000 stipend, including travel expenses and accommodations.

How do I apply?

Scan the QR code to find our application and program information!

Complete applications may be submitted to Heather Scalf at heather.scalf@ttu.edu or on campus in room E271.