Extramural Studies (EMS) Placements at the VMD July 2022

The Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) is inviting veterinary students to apply to attend a two-week EMS placement next year, at the VMD’s offices in Addlestone, Surrey.

There are 6 placements available for veterinary students who are in their final two years of study. This follows the success of our first-ever EMS placement, which took place in July 2021.

The placement gives students a comprehensive overview of the work of the VMD with a focus on areas of clinical relevance and also allows students to explore other career opportunities in the veterinary profession.

The next placement will run from 4 to 15 July 2022, please note that you should only apply if you are available for the full two weeks of the placement.

The weeks will be structured with lectures and workshops, as well as a student-led journal club. Topics that will be covered include:

Introduction to the VMD

Insight into the work of the different VMD teams; Pharmaceuticals (Quality, Human and Environmental Safety, Efficacy), Biologicals, Legislation, Enforcement, Residues, Pharmacovigilance, Antimicrobial Resistance and associated policy, International Development and Training

Legal bases and authorisations of veterinary medicines

Dossier requirements to demonstrate Quality, Safety and Efficacy of the medicine

Generic medicines; bioequivalence and biowaivers
Clinical trials design and conduct

Novel therapies

Prescribing and responsible use of veterinary medicines

Animal Test Certificates in practice

Anthelmintic resistance

Benefit: risk balance

Careers in the Civil Service

To apply please fill in the EMS application form EMS Application form (PDF, 127KB, 1 page) and e-mail to ems@vmd.gov.uk.

Applications will close on Friday 1 October 2021. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by Friday 15 October 2021.

Please note, students will be responsible for their own accommodation and travel costs.

The intention is to run the placements at the VMD’s offices in Surrey, however if due to COVID-19 restrictions this is not possible the placements will be run virtually.

We look forward to receiving your applications.

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