



AQUATIC HEALTH EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. When should I apply for your externship program?

Students should apply in their junior year to be placed in a rotation in their senior year. The 2027-2028 cohort covers rotational periods from June 2027-March 2028.

2. What is your application due date?

Applications for the 2027-2028 cohort will be posted on our website (<https://oneworldonehealth.wcs.org/Training/Student-Externships.aspx>) summer 2026. All application materials are due by December 1, 2026. Notifications/offers for rotational periods are sent out in January.

3. How long are your rotational periods?

Our preferred rotations are four weeks long. In special cases we may consider accepting students for anywhere from three to six-week rotations. If you have a special circumstance necessitating this request, please address it at the end of your personal statement.

4. Do you accept students from non-U.S. veterinary schools?

Our program has historically limited itself to students from AVMA-accredited institutions regardless of country. However, we have recently opened our program up to students from other veterinary schools. Students' participation from non-AVMA accredited institutions will be limited to observation only. Note that all training, presentations and instructions are in English, so students should be able to effectively communicate verbally and in writing in English.

5. Do you provide housing or stipends for your externs?

Students are required to provide their own housing, food, and transportation. Accepted students who have questions about which neighborhoods are convenient to the zoo can reach out to the program administrator for suggestions. Externs who successfully complete this rotation will be eligible to receive a stipend of \$600-\$1,200, depending on rotation duration and school regulations.

6. How competitive is your program?

Our program is competitive, but we try to accommodate as many qualified applicants as possible. Preference is given to those applicants who intend to pursue some aspect of aquatic medicine in their career.

7. Where can I go if I have more questions?

You can check out our general website (<https://oneworldonehealth.wcs.org/>) to see more about the work we do. For externship program specific questions, please contact the program administrator or supervisor.

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