**Education**

The University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine — one of six colleges at the UF Health Science Center — is committed to excellence in teaching, research and patient care. From 2000 to 2008, our college D.V.M. graduates have consistently ranked above the national average on the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination. Nearly half of our D.V.M. graduates continue their education through internships at accredited veterinary institutions, and many go on to pursue residencies as well. Last year the college received 862 applications for 88 openings in the freshman class. Our faculty, who are housed in four academic departments, pursue both clinical and basic science research interests. Both clinical and research collaborations exist between our college and other HSC colleges through the UF Emerging Pathogens Institute and the UF Center for Environmental and Human Toxicology, as well as with governmental agencies. Our strong extension outreach program allows us to work closely with a variety of agricultural industry groups.

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**11th in the U.S.**


**Budget:**

Total operating budget (FY09) = $55.6M

Research funding (FY09) = $12.1M

**UF CVM FY09 Actuals:**

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The college’s Veterinary Academic Building houses administrative and faculty offices as well as laboratory and teaching space.

Research

The College of Veterinary Medicine is a leader in infectious disease and immunology research. This program investigates emerging and exotic infectious diseases of livestock, pets and wildlife. Our Aquatic Animal Health program is the most broadly based of any veterinary college worldwide and conducts extensive research on the health, management and conservation of a wide range of free-living, captive and farmed aquatic animals, from shellfish to marine mammals. The CVM is internationally recognized for its world-class basic science research, which is conducted in collaboration with UF’s McKnight Brain Institute, Genetics Institute and the UF Shands Cancer Center. Specific areas of expertise include comparative animal neuroscience, from manatees to humans, and neural injury, from peripheral nerve damage to traumatic injury of the brain and spine. Our Center for Environmental and Human Toxicology is a leader in aquatic toxicology, with major strengths in nanotoxicology. Most funding support is provided through competitive grants from the National Institutes of Health, the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Science Foundation.

$12.1 million in research awards

Patient Care

The UF Veterinary Medical Center is a major veterinary referral center, treating more than 18,700 animals annually. A new $58 million small animal hospital currently under construction will be unique among veterinary colleges nationwide and will include a linear accelerator, a cardiology catheterization laboratory and state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment, including MRI and CT. Patients seen in our small and large animal hospitals are referred by veterinarians throughout the state. Routine wellness and outpatient medicine clinics are also available.

Extension

The Veterinary Extension Service plays a key role in communicating essential information to owners regarding the care of agricultural animals.