

**LINKAGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
ROSS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON**

1. Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine (RUSVM) and the State of California acting through the Trustees of the California State University on behalf of California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) hereby establish a joint program, to be known as CSUF/RUSVM Early Admission Program (EAP). The parties may be referred to collectively as the “Parties” and singularly as a “Party”.
2. EAP is designed to provide educational opportunities to students of CSUF, leading to matriculation at RUSVM.
3. CSUF will establish an application and evaluation process in coordination with RUSVM that will identify and recommend up to two (2) students per year to RUSVM for participation in the EAP. The criteria for recommendation will include:
 - A. Participation in a program, major or plan of study that will lead to completion of a Bachelor’s degree and/or all courses required for admission including 90 semester or 135 quarter units with at least a 3.2 Grade Point Average undergraduate/graduate coursework above the introductory level that includes:
 1. Completed 48 college credits, including the list of courses below:
 - a. General Chemistry (CHEM 120A and CHEM 120B)
 - b. General Biology (BIOL 151 and BIOL 152)
 - c. Genetics (BIOL 251). This is the only course for which lab is NOT required.
 - d. General Physics (PHYS 211a and PHYS 211b)
 - e. Organic Chemistry (CHEM 301A and CHEM 301B)
 - f. Anatomy and Physiology (KNES 191A and KNES 191B, or BIOL 310 and BIOL 361, or BIOL 361 and BIOL 362)
 - g. Biochemistry (CHEM 421)
 - h. Statistics (MATH 338, HESC 349, or any statistics course within your department) OR Calculus (MATH 130 or MATH 150A).
 - i. English (ENG 101)
 2. Additionally, students must complete AT LEAST 9 units of ANY of the following courses:
 - a. Medical Terminology (KNES 205)
 - b. Microbiology (BIOL 302)
 - c. Nutrition (HESC 350) or Nutrition and Health (CHEM 111)
 - d. One semester of Spanish or another foreign language
 - e. Public speaking (HCOM 100)
 - f. Microeconomics (ECON 201), Macroeconomics (ECON 202), Business Writing (BUAD 201), or Business and Its Legal Environment (MGMT 246)
 3. Attainment of all GRE with Score of 300 OR scoring in the 25th percentile in each section (verbal & quantitative reasoning) or higher, coursework, and grade point average (GPA) requirements
 4. Received a strong letter of recommendation submitted by the Health Professions Advising Office, on behalf of the Health Professions Committee

5. RUSVM will additionally review applications from individuals ranking below the academic threshold described above for admission into Semester 1, or admission into the VetPrep program.
4. Upon students' request, CSUF will provide the RUSVM committee with a credential package, which shall include the following:
 - A. Copy of the student's resume or curriculum vitae
 - B. A letter of recommendation from CSUF's Health Professions Advising Office, on behalf of the Health Professions Committee
 - C. Up to date official copies of CSUF transcripts
 - D. A personal statement discussing the applicant's motivation toward veterinary medicine
5. RUSVM will review the credential package submitted by CSUF. A personal interview will be conducted of selected students by the RUSVM Admissions and Selection Committee. Students accepted into EAP will be notified in writing by RUSVM. RUSVM reserves the right to reject any applicant to the EAP, regardless of whether it has granted or conducted a personal interview with the student. Upon satisfaction of the terms of the EAP contract, EAP students will be offered admission to RUSVM.
6. When a student accepts admission to EAP, she/he will authorize CSUF to provide information required by RUSVM, to determine student eligibility for admission to RUSVM. CSUF will send RUSVM grade reports each semester for each student admitted to the EAP. Students meeting all requirements will matriculate at RUSVM no later than 1.5 years after graduation from CSUF.
7. The criteria for final acceptance to RUSVM shall be as follows:
 - A. Completion of undergraduate course work leading to an undergraduate degree, including all required/planned prerequisite courses as outlined in Section 3 with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2
8. Final acceptance decisions will be made by the RUSVM Admissions and Selection Committee. Upon receipt of acceptance, candidates have two weeks in which to notify RUSVM of intent to enroll. If candidates do not do so within the period, acceptance may be withdrawn.
9. No monetary or other consideration will be exchanged between the Parties.
10. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effective for an initial term of three (3) years beginning April 10th, 2019 through April 10th, 2022. This agreement is the complete agreement between the Parties, and may be amended only by writing signed by both Parties. This agreement may be terminated "at will" by either Party with thirty (30) days' written notice. Should this Agreement expire or be terminated, students already enrolled in the CSUF/RUSVM EAP, shall remain eligible for admission to RUSVM under the terms and conditions of this agreement.
11. Both Parties prohibit Discrimination, including Harassment, because of any Protected Status: i.e., age, Disability (physical and mental), Gender (or sex), Gender Identity (including transgender), Gender Expression, Genetic Information, Marital Status, Medical Condition, Nationality, Race or Ethnicity (including color or ancestry), Religion (or Religious Creed), Sexual Orientation, sex stereotype, and Veteran or Military Status.

- 12. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous agreements, discussions, or representations with respect to the subject matter hereof.
- 13. The relationship established under this Agreement shall be that of independent contractors and neither party shall be, nor hold itself out to the public as being, an employee, agent, joint venture or partner of the other. Neither party shall have authority to contract for or bind the other in any manner. There is no intended or actual third-party beneficiary of this Agreement.
- 14. This Agreement may be executed by facsimile or scanned signature of any party hereto, it being agreed that the facsimile or scanned signature of any party hereto shall be deemed an original for all purposes.
- 15. Notices required under this Agreement shall be sent to addresses set forth below:

RUSVM:

Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine
PO Box 334 – Main Street
Basseterre, St. Kitts
Attn: Dr. Sean Callanan

CSUF:

California State University, Fullerton
Contracts & Procurement
2600 Nutwood Ave., Suite 300
Fullerton, CA 92831

With a copy to:

Adtalem Global Education Inc.
500 W. Monroe St., Suite 2800
Chicago, IL 60661
Attn: General Counsel

- 16. By signing below, each of the following represent that they have authority to execute this Agreement and to bind the Party on whose behalf their signature is made.

ROSS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL
OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY,
FULLERTON

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Dr. Sean Callanan 18-Apr-2019
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