

## **Information on the University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (UCVM)**

The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of University of Calgary (UCVM) is a professional faculty that was established in 2005 to meet an identified need to educate highly skilled veterinary graduates supporting rural Alberta, Canada, with a focus on production animal industries, and public health. The Faculty has a mandate to conduct research and provide expertise in animal health and issues and opportunities at the animal-human-environment health interface. The key operating components of the Faculty is a multi-sited Faculty, using a partnership model based on a Distributed Veterinary Learning Community, and a close association with the Faculty of Medicine were jointly established by the University and the Government of Alberta.

UCVM adopts a US model and offers a four-year Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) programme and, through the Faculty of Graduate Studies, supervision leading to graduate degrees (MSc, and PhDs). In addition, UCVM participates actively in postdoctoral training and is in the early stages of offering postgraduate clinical training opportunities. UCVM also offers professional development programmes for the veterinary community. UCVM's educational model is based on collaboration with Alberta's veterinary community. The Distributed Veterinary Learning Community (DVLC) is a partnership organization involving private practices, public and corporate practice veterinarians, government and non-governmental organizations, agencies and laboratories, animal health and industry organizations, and international partners.

Currently, UCVM faculty are supervising around 125 undergraduate students (aggregate number of four years) and over 90 graduate students in the DVM, Veterinary Medical Sciences and other graduate programs respectively. Over \$100 million (Canadian dollars, same hereinafter) has been invested in infrastructure and the Faculty oversees around 225,000 sq. ft. of teaching and research space. The Faculty aims to boast a vibrant research community based at the Foothills Campus, the Clinical Skills Building that creates a unique clinical and

professional skills learning environment, the Veterinary Sciences Research Station, and are completing the Wildlife Research Station. On 240 acres of land at the Spy Hill campus, the Faculty can house over 100 cattle, dozens of horses, pig, sheep, and alternative hoofstock. The research programmes have expanded dramatically in the past five years. The Faculty has received over \$50 million in research funding and annual support now exceeds \$10 million per year.