INFORMATION SHEET FOR VISITING STUDENTS/TRAINEES
AT THE VETERINARY TEACHING HOSPITALS

Summer and winter 2027 (updated on 12.11.2026)

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Clinical practice for visiting students, summer and winter 2027

Small animal hospital (including surgery, internal medicine and policlinics rotations and after hours on-call duty): for Finnish speaking students only
- **12 places** within the period of 7.6. – 22.8.2027 (start dates **7.6.** and **14.6.2026**)

Equine hospital: for Finnish and English-speaking students
- **4 places** every week from 7.6.2027 to 22.8.2027, minimum 2 weeks / student

Weeks in Small animal hospital and Equine hospital can also be combined. Students can do a part of the traineeship in one clinic and a part in another one.

Production animal hospital and ambulatory clinic in Mäntsälä, for Finnish speaking students only
- **2 places** for a period of 7.6. – 11.7.2027
- **2 places** for a period of 12.7. – 22.8.2027
- **6 places** for a period of 13.12.2027 – 9.1.2028

All numbers depend on the amount of University of Helsinki students; final numbers are available by the end of February 2027.

In total: 26 places

Study credits: 1 week of clinical rotations equals to 1,5 ECTS.
N.B. Summer and winter practice do not include formal teaching such as demonstrations or discussions. Some special clinics do not operate during summer time.

Deadline for applications for the summer of 2027 is February 1st, 2027.
Decisions for summer places will be made by the end of February 2027.
Application information for visiting students

Deadline for applications and nominations for the winter 2027 is October 15th, 2027.
Nominated students will receive application instructions to our Tailor Made portal separately.
Decisions for winter places will be made by mid November 2027.

Visiting students do not need to submit proof of language proficiency. The home university is expected to check that students have the required **B2 level** English or Finnish language

skills on the CEFR scale. Finnish language is required for training in Production animal hospital in Mäntsälä.

Prerequisites in clinical practice: Students applying for clinical practice need to be at least at their fourth year of veterinary education and have passed the preclinical and clinic preparation courses. In case the student has not yet passed some of the clinical theory courses by the time of application deadline but will have by the time she/he starts studies in Helsinki, she/he must include a list of those courses in the application. **Students should also mention their previous and forthcoming clinical practice experience in the application.**

General information for exchange students

The Exchange student instructions are the starting point for making all arrangements for such essentials as health insurance, housing, student benefits, arrival, other practicalities and settling in from a new student's perspective.

The equipment to be brought to the clinics:
For the Small Animal Hospital: stethoscope, thermometer, pen and small notebook (for taking notes), permanent marker pen, indoor shoes, scissors, pocket calculator, and a nurses (fob) watch that has a second hand. If the student participates in a diagnostic imaging rotation, also a ruler.

For the Equine Hospital: same equipment as above + trainers or rubber boots; preferably something that have reinforced toes (you may be able to borrow a pair from the Equine Hospital – the sizes are limited).

For the Production Animal Hospital (Saari in Mäntsälä): For short periods: Rubber boots and overcoats are offered from Saari. For longer stays exchange student brings own, new rubber boots, bought in Finland; preferably something that have reinforced toes and are suitable for working in farms. You will get the overcoats from Saari.

Health insurance:
Exchange students should bring European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) with them. The card entitles students to the same healthcare services as the local population in case of an emergency. However, healthcare in Finland is not totally free of charge.

The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine has taken an accident insurance policy which covers all incoming exchange students and trainees. This insurance covers treatment expenses in Finland (max. 10 000 euros) caused by possible accident in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Exchange students are also insured by the University of Helsinki, if they are injured or cause damage to the University's property (including clients' animals), because of the negligence of the University. All incoming trainees (regardless of their status) must ensure that they have sufficient liability insurance. It is also advisable for students themselves to take insurance that covers free time, travel, and legal protection.

Vaccinations:
All students attending clinical work are recommended to have two shots of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) and a dT shot (tetanus-diphteria) every ten years before arriving to Finland. We recommend that exchange students take rabies vaccination (three shots) if attending the work at the clinics, although Finland has a very low risk of rabies. The risk of rabies exists when working with bats or rescue dogs of certain high-risk countries.