INFORMATION FOR BVSc STUDENTS ON CLOTHING AND OTHER PROGRAMME-RELATED EXPENSES

To help with your budgeting, this list has been drawn up to give an indication of additional costs you will need during the programme. It is not exhaustive, and may change, but it aims to give you an indication of the level of programme-related expenditure. Pre-clinical EMS (PCEMS) and Clinical EMS (CEMS) may have costs associated with them relating to travel to placements and accommodation and subsistence but these will vary depending on the type and location of the placement. There will also be times when, in Years 1-3, you may be required to attend some classes at Leahurst and, in Year 4-5, when you may be required to attend some rotations in Liverpool, which may incur some additional daily travel costs.

Where notes are supplied, these save you buying several textbooks, and are “tailor-made” for your course. We would advise that you only buy books after you arrive at University, as there are good guidance and discounts available through the Liverpool University Veterinary Society Book Rep.

1. Clothing Requirements and Equipment

Much of the clothing and equipment required for the course can be used throughout the 5 years without replacement. Allow room for a warm jumper underneath overalls during cold weather.

The items listed below should be available from farm or work wear suppliers (wide range of stockists – type ‘workwear’ into a search engine for suppliers).

Clothes required

- Green Overalls (boiler-suit style) https://www.dickiesstore.co.uk/ (approx. £20)*
- Industry (hard-wearing) Standard Wellingtons (green, black or blue) https://www.dickiesstore.co.uk/ (approx. £20)*
- White lab coat “Howie” style (long sleeves) www.alexandra.co.uk/ (approx. £20) *
- Parlour top (approx. £20)*
- Industrial waterproof boots (approx. £20)*
- Blue or Green waterproof jacket (recommended but not essential for Years 1, 2 and 3)
- Blue or Green waterproof trousers (recommended but not essential for Years 1, 2 and 3)

- Scrub top are required for Years 4 and 5. The cost is met by sponsorship (Hills) plus Institute contribution.

Equipment required

- Stethoscope (£45) (recommended but not essential for Years 1, 2 and 3)
- Thermometer (£5) (recommended but not essential for Years 1, 2 and 3)
- Pen torch (£5) (recommended but not essential for Years 1, 2 and 3)
- Calculator Sharp EL-W531B or Casio FX83GT PLUS (£9.99)*

* These items are required for the start of the course.
2. Other Costs

Books and Notes

Details of recommended textbooks are available from the following link: http://libguides.liv.ac.uk/readinglists. Copies of all the recommended texts including those produced in house will be held in the library.

You are strongly recommended not to purchase books until you arrive, when you will get advice, a discount through the Liverpool University Veterinary Society and an appreciation of what type of books you need to assist your studies. Books typically cost £25-£50 each. In the preclinical years, a number of in-house anatomy guides are provided (approx. £25.00) and in the clinical years (4 & 5) some lecture notes may be provided in hard copy at a cost of approx. £120.00

British Veterinary Association (BVA) Membership

Annual BVA Membership will be free for the first year and £35 per year thereafter. This gives you personal accident cover during the course, as well as other benefits such as the journal “In Practice”.

Membership forms will be available from the BVA during Welcome Week.

Extra Mural Studies (EMS)

Extra Mural Studies whilst not a programme requirement, students are required to complete EMS to be awarded the BVSc. Costs are variable, but an estimate is £2500 over the 5 years of the programme, which includes costs associated with travel, accommodation and equipment.

Conferences

SPVS Conference in Year 4 (approximate cost £100.00). Attendance at SPVS is not a programme requirement, but a large number of students do attend and it can count towards EMS.

Student Badges

The Institute provides students with name badges to be worn in the labs/on rotation. There is a replacement charge of £6.50.

Clinical Skills Kits

Clinical skills kits provided by the Institute in Year 1, but replacement charge of £17.

3. Vaccinations

We recommend that students ensure their tetanus vaccination is up to date.

4. Code of Practice on Pet Animals

Following the introduction of a University Code of Practice on Animals in the Workplace, we regret it is not possible for students to bring pets onto University premises.
White lab coat “Howie” style (long sleeves). Available Alexandra Workwear [www.alexandra.co.uk/](http://www.alexandra.co.uk/)