



APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

For Research Degree Candidates (PhD)

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

Title: _____ First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Gender: Male Female Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Nationality: _____

Country of residency: *(please indicate)* _____

Are you Hispanic or Latino? *(optional)* Yes No

In addition, select one or more of the following racial categories to describe yourself: *(optional)*

- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Asian
- Black or African American
- White/Caucasian
- Other

This information is optional and sought for reporting purposes, not for use in admissions, enrollment, academic, or other decisions by RUSVM.

Personal History

If you answer “yes” to any of the following questions, submit a full statement of relevant facts for all incidents along with your application. You may be required to furnish copies of official documents explaining the final disposition of the proceedings.

Where you ever the recipient of any action by any employer, college, university, veterinary school or veterinary preparatory program for: 1. Unacceptable academic performance? (e.g. dismissal, disqualification, suspension, probation, etc.) or 2. Conduct violations? Yes No

Have you been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor, or other crime or have you been party in a civil lawsuit? Yes No

You need not disclose offenses which have been legally expunged. By signing this application, you acknowledge your on-going obligation to disclose to RUSVM any felony or misdemeanor convictions occurring at the time after your execution of this application throughout your association with RUSVM until your graduation from RUSVM. Please choose from the dropdown menu provided on page 6.

**Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine does not discriminate in recruitment, education, employment, programs, activities, or services on the basis of race, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, color, creed, disability, political affiliation or belief, or veteran status. RUSVM does not discriminate on the basis of disability. Additional information about this policy or about assistance to accommodate individual needs is available from the Accommodations Coordinator at RUSVM, West Farm-Main Street, PO Box 334, Basseterre, St. Kitts, West Indies.*

*†*Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine has adopted privacy policies and practices designed to protect student educational records and information. Only information required to efficiently conduct our business and meet state and federal reporting requirements is collected. The information collected is only disclosed as permitted under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 as amended. Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine's FERPA policy is found on the website at: <http://veterinary.rossu.edu/student-consumer-information.html>*



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2. CONTACT DETAILS

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Country: _____ Telephone (home): _____

Street: _____ Telephone (work): _____

City/Suburb: _____ Telephone (mobile): _____

Post/Zip Code: _____ State: _____

Skype Address: _____

3. PROGRAM OF INTEREST

PhD program Research Center Number 1-4 (See table below): _____

I wish to start the program on: ____ / ____ / ____ Studying: Full-time Part-time

I am applying for enrollment under an international collaboration agreement (for example, Cotutelle or Joint) or in response to an advertised position.

Please provide details: _____

RUSVM Research Centers

Center 1 – One Health Center for Zoonoses and Tropical Veterinary Medicine

Center 2 – Integrative Mammalian Research

Center 3 – Conservation Medicine and Sustainable Ecosystems

Center 4 – Research and Innovation in Veterinary and Medical Education



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4. PROGRAM OF INTEREST

Complete this section after consulting with your proposed advisors.

Research project working title (maximum 30 words). Should be clear, concise and easily understood.

If you are applying for an advertised project/scholarship at RUSVM, enter the title of the project/scholarship advertisement only. Skip questions 4.1-4.4 and proceed to question 4.5.

1. Brief description of the project in non-specialist language, what it will entail and expected outcomes (maximum 200 words)

2. Project methods and techniques (maximum 150 words)



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4. PROGRAM OF INTEREST (CONTINUED)

3. Significance of the project (maximum 150 words) should identify gaps in current knowledge that this project will address

4. Resources required to complete your proposed project (such as expertise, facilities, funding, travel) (maximum 100 words)

5. With whom at RUSVM have you discussed your proposed research project?

Name and Title	Email Address



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5. PREVIOUS STUDY AND QUALIFICATIONS

Please attach certified copies of academic records and degrees for all previous tertiary studies, complete and incomplete. Scans of original documents are acceptable but RUSVM retains the right to request original or certified copies at any stage of the application and enrollment process.

Academic Major	Institution	Country	Duration		Completed or completion expected (day/month/year)	Degree Awarded
			From (month/year)	To (month/year)		

6. ACADEMIC CURRICULUM VITAE

Please attach a copy of your **current academic Curriculum Vitae** to your application. Please give brief details about the highlights of your academic and research background, including any prizes and achievements (maximum 300 words).



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7. ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Proficiency in the English language is a requirement for admission at RUSVM.

Is English your first language?

- Yes – please move to question 7 No – please complete information below

Check the appropriate box to indicate any English test you have completed within the last two years:

- Academic IELTS – please state TRF number: _____
 TOEFL – please state registration number (*for internet-based TOEFL*): _____

Please note that test results are valid for two years from the date of the test, and must still be valid in the month you commence your program. RUSVM will not accept institutional TOEFL tests, photocopies or certified copies of examinees' TOEFL results. If you have not done so already, you must ask your TOEFL testing center to send your official results to RUSVM.

Please specify if you have completed two years of tertiary study within the past five years at an accredited university where English is the primary language of instruction and assessment for that study (specify name of institution, dates of study and attach documentary evidence). Please note this is assessed on a case by case basis.

Applicants whose first language is not English may fulfill RUSVM's English language proficiency (ELP) requirements by demonstrating that they have either:

- resided for 10 years or more in a country where English is the principal language, or
 worked for a sustained period in an English speaking professional environment.

If applicable, please provide information below (please attach evidence to support this information). Please note this is assessed on a case by case basis.

Applicants who meet two of the following three criteria may also be considered to have met the ELP requirements (please provide evidence to support this information). Please note this is assessed on a case by case basis.

- A minimum of two research publications where the applicant is the sole author or first named author
 At least one year full-time tertiary study where English is the medium of instruction
 Work experience for two or more years immediately prior to commencement in an environment where English is the main language of communication

Please provide your Skype™ address as you may be required to complete an interview.



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8. OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS ONLY

It is a condition of a student visa that you maintain an appropriate health insurance for the duration of the student visa in St. Kitts and Nevis. You are responsible for your own health and medical insurance and will provide RUSVM with evidence of appropriate coverage. As a RUSVM student, we recommend that you opt in the **RUSVM student health insurance plan** available through **Aetna Health Insurance Company**. If you opt out and RUSVM deems that your health insurance coverage is insufficient, you may be required to subscribe to an additional or new health insurance plan as prescribed by RUSVM.

8. ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL REFERRALS

You must nominate two referees who are familiar with your recent academic and/or professional performance and who are willing to comment on your ability to undertake a postgraduate degree. Official institutional email addresses are required. Please note that applicants will not be given access to letters of recommendation by RUSVM.

Name and Title	Position and Institution	Email Address

10. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please indicate why you believe you would be successful in undertaking a PhD by Research at RUSVM. Outline your career aspirations and the attributes you possess to enable you to achieve these. (maximum 500 words).



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11. STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

I HAVE:

- Answered all questions on this form truthfully, correctly and completely.

I AGREE TO:

- RUSVM communicating with me via electronic means.
- Notify RUSVM of any change to the information I have given in this application.
- Commence my candidature on the date agreed to unless a subsequent change has been requested and approved.
- Comply with RUSVM rules and policies.
- Undertake to obtain ethical clearance and satisfy any other regulatory requirements before commencing any research to which those requirements may apply.

I UNDERSTAND THAT:

- Completing and submitting this form provides consent without obligation for RUSVM to call, text, and/or email me about my education by automated means or prerecorded messages at the number(s) and/or email address I provide.
- RUSVM may vary or cancel any decision it makes if the information I have given is incorrect or incomplete.
- RUSVM is not responsible for the loss of any documents provided, and those documents become property of RUSVM.
- Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.
- I am fully responsible for my educational and living expenses while studying at RUSVM.
- It is my responsibility to determine that the program/award will meet the requirements of relevant statutory or professional bodies and tertiary institutions and will be recognized in countries in which I may wish to work.
- My offer of a place and/or scholarship will be delayed if I have not provided all documents and information requested on this form.

Once completed,

- **Email an electronic copy** (or scanned electronic copy) of this form, together with all other necessary documents, to our Postgraduate Administrative Officer at: **postgrad@rossvet.edu.kn**

What happens next?

Wait for a response. You may be invited to attend an interview. If you are successful you will receive a formal offer. Should you wish to accept the formal offer, you will be asked to sign and return your acceptance to our Postgraduate and Research Committee. Should you have any questions about your application, please send an email to our Postgraduate and Research Committee at: **postgrad@rossvet.edu.kn**

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Supplementary Information

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION¹

International² research higher degree candidates are liable for tuition fees for each semester for which they are enrolled.

- I am self-funded and do not require a scholarship: I have sufficient funds to pay my tuition fees and living expenses.
- I have already been awarded or offered a scholarship – please specify below.
- I wish to be considered for RUSVM merit based scholarship (if available).
- I am a member of Faculty at RUSVM.

Please provide details about **external** scholarship support as requested above.

Scholarship Name	Funding Source	Value (per year)	Duration From To (month/year) (month/year)		Purpose (for example: tuition fee, living allowance, travel grant, Overseas Student Health Cover)	Applied For	Awarded

Please attach official documentation from your sponsoring organization, including any restrictions on the field of study, or rights to Intellectual Property.

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Social Security Number (optional)³: _____

¹ Financial information is not used by RUSVM as a selection criteria for admissions.

² International', in this context, means any candidates not a citizen of the Federation of St Kitts and Nevis.

³ In order to provide a 1098-T for US federal tax purposes, a social security number is required.