



## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO FACT SHEET

### WHAT WILL I LEARN AND EXPERIENCE IN MY STUDIES?

The Doctoral degree is based on supervised research over a period of three years full-time (9 semesters) or six years part-time (18 semesters). Progress monitoring is conducted throughout the study period and the student will be asked to demonstrate satisfactory progress at set milestones.

Research supervisors will submit a yearly progress report to the Postgraduate and Research Committee on the work of the candidate. Information to be provided in the progress report will include advancement of the research, development of discipline specific research skills and progress in expected outcomes (e.g. manuscripts for publication in peer-reviewed scientific journals).

The candidate must have demonstrated the capacity to pursue original research in the field of study and to present the results in a critical and scholarly way. The doctoral dissertation must be an original work making a significant contribution to knowledge and understanding of the field of study, such that it is worthy of presentation in peer reviewed publications. The award of a PhD is determined on the basis of a submitted dissertation, not exceeding 100,000 words, and an externally-assessed oral examination.

**For more information about the Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine PhD by Research degree program, see: <https://veterinary.rossu.edu/postgraduate/phd-by-research.html>**

### WHAT SERVICES WILL I RECEIVE?

*Services available to all students include:*

- Assistance with student visa application, accommodation, private study area and island orientation to students locating to St. Kitts.
- All students have access to Health and wellness services available through the Student Health Services Office and Counseling Center, including online/telephone support services.
- Academic support through an appointed Lead Supervisor and Progress Monitoring Committee, and access to resources provided by the Student Success Center.

### PROGRAM COSTS AND FINANCING OPTIONS

Tuition cost for the PhD by Research degree program is \$27,000. Other required costs include health insurance, housing fees, and average estimated textbook and equipment expenses.

Financial aid is not available for the PhD by Research degree program; the following payment options are available:

- Full payment at time of enrollment
- Private loan through bank
- Installment payment plan

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE KNOW BEFORE YOU GO FACT SHEET

**How relevant is this information to me?** The Know Before You Go Fact Sheet provides information about Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine. The Fact Sheet information is intended to help you compare some information about Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine to other colleges as you think about your choices.

#### INFORMATION SOURCES

**Program Costs:** This is the total tuition for a student attending full time who takes and passes every course currently required by the program at Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine a single time at the current tuition rate. Health insurance, housing fees, and average estimated textbook and equipment expenses are not included in the program cost.