

WikiVet International Student Ambassador Position

About WikiVet

WikiVet was established in 2007 to provide online access to a comprehensive veterinary undergraduate curriculum. The consortium was initially formed by three UK veterinary schools, London's Royal Veterinary College, the University of Edinburgh's Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, and the University of Cambridge's Department of Veterinary Medicine, and was subsequently joined by the University of Nottingham's School of Veterinary Medicine and Science.

WikiVet was initially funded by the Higher Education Academy (HEA) and Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC). Subsequent commercial sponsors included Mars Petcare, RCVS Trust, Pfizer Global Alliances, Ceva, and the Donkey Sanctuary.

In 2010, WikiVet had 6,000 registered users. A Spanish language version was launched in May 2011. In 2016, WikiVet had 50,000 registered users from more than 130 countries.

In 2020, the WikiVet charity was acquired by The Webinar Vet, a leading veterinary CPD provider. They are now supporting WikiVet in developing new resources and building the community further.

What is WikiVet International Student Ambassador?

WikiVet is an international resource aimed at vet students, vets and nurses across the globe, and we want to make sure that it is used as widely as possible throughout the world. To do this we need to let students know that WikiVet is here, what resources and content they can find on the site, and new developments, offers and events as they come up. And who better to tell students, than students?! So we're on the look out for student ambassadors - our aim is to have two WikiVet Student Ambassadors for every vet school in the world. We know that's pretty ambitious but we like to aim high!

We are looking for both a **senior** and a **junior** ambassador for each school. The senior role is aimed at students in the clinical or later years of their course. Their role will include identifying and supporting a Junior WikiVet Student Ambassador, in the preclinical or earlier years of the course. The Junior ambassador will have the opportunity to be promoted to Senior ambassador when the existing Senior graduates.

Role of Student Ambassadors

The work of a WikiVet ambassador is intended to be interesting without demanding too much of your time in order not to compromise your veterinary studies. Past ambassadors have told us that they enjoy contributing to a global project that shares knowledge and allows them to get to know students in other countries.

WikiVet's International Student Ambassadors act as a point of contact for the WikiVet team within their school, and help WikiVet to keep everybody informed about new developments and opportunities to make sure they don't miss out.

The activities that you will be involved in as a WikiVet International Student Ambassador include:

- being the nominated contact point in the school for liaising with WikiVet and other veterinary schools/students wishing to make contact with your school
- creating and sharing posts on social media and contributing to your own school's online community to increase awareness of WikiVet and our events and projects
- distributing WikiVet posters and fliers around the school to ensure that all students are familiar with the site
- creating and/or updating your vet school's page on WikiVet

- providing WikiVet with information on numbers of students at your school
- creating a personal profile so that students at your school can find out a little bit more about you
- encouraging staff and students to add content to the site and edit existing material
- raising awareness amongst the academic faculty of WikiVet and encouraging them to recommend the site in lectures
- feeding back to WikiVet any issues or suggestions for future development

What you get in return

Upcoming:

- A massively discounted ticket to [Webinar Vet's Virtual Congress 2021](#), for only £10 per student. Get your ticket here: [Student Ticket VC 2021 - The Webinar Vet](#)
- This Virtual Congress is the world's largest online veterinary congress, offering 100+ hours of veterinary material on a wide variety of topics from world leading experts.
- This is also the first time that the Congress is hosting a stream specifically for students. The student stream will deliver talks specifically on day-one skills within a variety of topics.

Other Benefits:

- Fantastic experience for your CV, and to discuss at an interview in the future
- Any material created for WikiVet by yourself will be references with your name
- Being part of an online community of like minded, forward thinking individuals, and making useful contacts all over the world
- Preferential access to WikiVet as well as Webinar Vet incentives and benefits for example free webinars, textbooks, courses and promotional material from sponsors
- Having an input into the direction, progression and development of WikiVet, including suggestions for new resources through online focus groups and discussions
- Experience in working online which will be increasingly valuable on your CV when looking for jobs in the digital future
- The opportunity to make contact with veterinary students in other countries with the potential for exchange visits in the future
- Making a difference especially when professional colleagues in less fortunate vet schools in the world have the opportunity to access content that you consider routine

Next steps

If you are interested in getting involved, please get in touch with Silvia Janska at info@innoveting.com.

Please include a description of yourself (name, university, study year), your use of WikiVet so far (or state if you haven't previously used it) and why you feel you would be suitable for the position. Successful candidates will need a good grasp of the English language. Our Student Ambassador Coordinators will check if there are any other active volunteers in your school and then get back to you with an information pack and induction material.

We look forward to meeting YOU!