

SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

MURDOCH UNIVERSITY

ADMISSIONS INTERVIEWS - ASSESSORS REQUIRED – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Murdoch University's School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) has recently made changes to the process of student admissions, in line with best practices internationally in world leading veterinary and medical school. These changes have met our international accreditation requirements.

A summary of the admissions requirements is below:

- Minimum academic achievement (ATAR 94 or GPA 5.5/7)
- Performance in Casper testing <https://acuityinsights.app/casper/>
- Performance in an online, recorded interview
- Meets English language requirements of the course
- Meets the [Inherent Requirements](#) of the course
- Does not possess a criminal record that may prevent registration as a veterinary surgeon.

There are still three entry pathways into SVM at Murdoch:

- School leaver (approximately 30% of a cohort)
- Tertiary entry (approximately 65% of a cohort, usually direct entry into second year)
- Waardong pathway (for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students).

The School is committed to the principles of supporting equity and diversity in the veterinary profession and it is important that our admissions process align with this.

The 2025 entry was the first year that interviews were conducted, as asynchronous recorded online interviews. These recorded interviews were assessed by a combination of internal veterinary staff and community veterinarians. The advantages of recorded online interviews versus face-to-face are listed below:

- All suitable applicants can access the interviews at the same time – for example, over a 48hr period. This may reduce collusion and collaboration.
- Online interviews conducted in this manner do not disadvantage applicants who are overseas or interstate as travel is not required (which may preclude students with financial constraints), and applicants can record the interview at a time appropriate for their location.
- The interviews are recorded. This enables moderation should differences arise between assessors and is robust evidence against a potential appeal by an unsuccessful applicant.
- Assessors can access the recordings and complete their assessments remotely, and at a time convenient to them.

We are calling for volunteers to participate in the assessment of recorded pre-admission interviews. The commitment will entail the following:

- You will be asked to attend an in-person training session at Murdoch University on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 from 9am to 1pm.
- You will be required to sign a volunteer agreement, and to disclose any conflicts of interest (e.g. if you know an applicant). If a family member or friend will be applying for entry within the next two years, you will not be able to participate in assessing the interviews.
- You will be asked to assess a number of recorded interview responses, using an assessment guide we will provide. We anticipate approximately 15 hrs of work, which can be done over a period of 2-3 weeks in late September- October 2025.
- You will receive a nominal remuneration from the School of Veterinary Medicine for your time.

If you are interested in being involved in the SVM admissions process, please make sure to check the information available at available at <https://www.murdoch.edu.au/schools/veterinary-medicine/study/admissions>, and to read through the Course Outcomes booklet attached.

Please send an email to VetAdmission@murdoch.edu.au expressing your interest, outlining your reasons for applying, and why you would be suitable for this task. Applications close Friday 25th July 2025 and you will be notified of the outcome soon afterwards.

Kind regards,

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