

# Specific Research Programs for DVM Students

In addition to participation in funded faculty research projects, the SVM has two programs specifically designed to provide in-depth, one-on-one faculty-mentored research opportunities for DVM students:

1. During the summer break, the **Island Veterinary Scholars Program (IVSP)** immerses interested veterinary students into hypothesis-based research. The IVSP program includes instruction on research design, ethics and laboratory techniques currently being used in SVM research. The program exposes all participants to various Grenada-focused research projects currently underway on the island. Participants are aligned with a faculty-mentored IVSP approved research project and proceed to own their part of the project, from a literature search to presenting their findings at the sponsored symposium held in the USA. The IVSP encompasses an entire summer program of 10 weeks and includes interactive lectures on scientific writing, guest speakers to discuss a variety of veterinary and OHOM topics (e.g., IACUC [Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee], government-based research and public health implications of research), research-related field trips and laboratory-based workshops to teach a variety of research-related techniques.
2. The **Veterinary Scholars Research Initiative (VSRI)** is designed for students who want more involvement in research with one-on-one faculty mentorship but are not pursuing the dual degree (DVM/MSc) option. Upon completion of all the requirements these students receive a “distinction in research” on their transcripts. The expectation is that they will actively participate in all aspects of the research process, including laboratory and field work, presentations and manuscript preparation. This intensive mentorship program is intended to provide motivated students with an in-depth research experience in a flexible time frame. Each successful applicant receives research support funded by the SVM research enhancement budget.