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Dear students interested in applying for the CSU-RDSVS Summer Research Exchange:

As explained on the PVM student research website (http://www.cvmb.colostate.edu/ns/students/veterinary_scholars_program/), CSU will support one student in a summer research exchange program with the Royal Dick School of Veterinary Studies this summer. Dr. Randy Basaraba has been assisting students who have questions about this program. After discussions with a variety of sources, including faculty at RDSVS, here is some guidance provided by Dr. Basaraba for students interested in this program:

We are interested in placing students that would benefit the most from a summer research experience, and therefore will be looking for applications that demonstrate a standing, expressed and serious interest in research as a post-DVM career. Students with no research experience may also use an opportunity like this to explore the possibility of considering a specialized research career path. We would like the placements to have other added advantages such as a particular topic or area of interest is not well represented at CSU, thereby justifying the need to consider another institution to gain that experience. If you have had experience living overseas for a period of time, this could also be a strength of your application, and a general character reference will be helpful. A statement from the student and or a recommendation should describe as specifically as possible how you would fulfill these requirements.

Written evidence that a particular faculty member is willing to mentor would be a strength, but is not a necessary component of the application. A student may be selected to this program without having selected a mentor, and we will assist with placement in an appropriate laboratory. We would discourage you from "shopping" for a mentor on-line without at least brief discussion with Dr. VandeWoude or Basaraba, as we do not want to inundate RDSVS faculty with students inquiring about research options that are not well considered.

Dr. Basaraba and I are hoping to visit RDSVS later this spring and this will help formalize this program and logistics. In the meantime let us know if you have any additional questions regarding the application process.

Best,

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