



NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

Ever Pondered Teaching Students? Now is Your Opportunity!

To our VETPARTNERS Partners,

Recently, you've received information regarding the partnership between the VETPARTNERS and the Veterinary Business Management Association (VBMA) to provide veterinary student externships focused on enhancing business or legal understanding. Several well-known studies have highlighted the profession-wide deficiencies in core business practices, while many practitioners have reported that they did not feel prepared upon graduation for the management requirements of private practice. The VBMA is a student-driven organization dedicated to addressing these issues by providing business education within the 28 U.S. veterinary schools and at Ross University. Many veterinary colleges do not offer substantial practice management education, and those that do cannot simulate the hands-on experience gained from working in consulting or other veterinary-relevant businesses.

This is where **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Our motivated students are looking for the opportunity to gain working experience from experts (namely, **YOU**) in these areas of veterinary business and/or legal matters!

In addition to teaching bright, enthusiastic students who strive to elevate the overall profession, you can be instrumental in determining the success of future colleagues and clients. You may also gain from the outside experiences and fresh outlook offered by today's veterinary students. Hosting a student extern can be advantageous in providing non-paid assistance to your business by drafting reports, entering & analyzing data, conducting research, facilitating client consultations, handling technical and/or administrative responsibilities or helping with any other tasks that would enhance the efficiency of your practice or business. Providing externs with these opportunities would also allow you to meet future graduates who might become clients of yours and may lead to invitations for you to speak at VBMA events.

Scheduling students to extern with you is as flexible as your schedule and workload demands! If you are interested in participating, the VBMA will list your business as a possible externship location on its website. Interested students will then contact you directly, and you and the student will decide upon a time that works for you both.

Please submit the "Opportunity Proposal Submission Form," available on the VETPARTNERS website (VETPARTNERS Resources > For Students > Intern/Externship Opportunities), **TODAY** to be listed!

We thank you in advance for partnering with us, and look forward to working with you in the near future,

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