Frequently Asked Questions

Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience)

1. **Why choose Vet at the University of Adelaide?**
   - Accreditation by the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC) and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (UK)
   - Graduates eligible for registration as veterinarians in all states and territories of Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom
   - World class training and commercial facilities at the Roseworthy campus.

2. **When I apply to the College, do I receive an unconditional packaged offer for their Foundation Studies Program (FSP) + Veterinary Bioscience?**
   Entry to Vet Science is not guaranteed by academic result, therefore the College cannot package an offer. Vet Science applicants will be offered the B. Animal Science and their preference for Vet Science recorded so they are identified upon commencement of the course.

3. **Are students required to have any test or interview for progression?**
   Applicants are required to demonstrate their interest in Vet Science, animals and their welfare by submitting:
   - a record of their experience taking care or/working with animals
   - a record of the extra-curricular activities/community events they participate in
   - a statement explaining interest in Vet Science and reasons to be chosen for the program
   Based on this submission, applicants may be invited for interview. All international applicants, whether they are in Australia or not, will complete the interview over Skype to ensure fairness. Domestic applicants would be expected to attend their face-to-face interview in Adelaide.

4. **What sort of preparation does the College provide to its FSP students who are aiming for Bachelor of Veterinary Bioscience program?**
   - Initial information session
   - Guided Roseworthy tour with Vet Science Admissions staff
   - QandA with alumni at Roseworthy
   - Advice and guidance with preparation of written submission
   - Mock interviews
   - Continual individual counselling and advice for students
   - Links to industry, community and volunteering opportunities to strengthen application
   - Work experience support through the Work Experience Agreement
   - Guidance transitioning to the University of Adelaide.

5. **Is there any guaranteed placement work for students who study Vet Bioscience and Vet Medicine?**
   **Science (Veterinary Bioscience):**
   - 12 weeks Animal Husbandry Extra Mural Studies (AHEMS) at various locations throughout bachelor
   - specific requirements for gaining experience with particular groups of animals
   - overseas and interstate placements possible.
   **Doctor of Veterinary Medicine:**
   - Year 1-2: develop scientific and technical skills and undertake professional development
   - Year 3: total of six by three week clinical rotations to consolidate knowledge and skills
   - Additional twenty three weeks of compulsory extramural practical work during the program.
   Students will be required to make their own way to their placements so driving would be an advantage.

6. **After completing the Bachelor of Vet Bioscience, what are the entry requirements for Vet Medicine?**
   Successful completion of the B. Science (Veterinary Bioscience) and 12 weeks of Animal Husbandry Extra Mural Studies (AHEMS) will meet the entry requirements for Vet Medicine.

7. **If I am not able to progress to Vet Medicine, what are the potential careers for me? Can I be a Vet Nurse?**
   Employment opportunities exist for graduates from the B. Science (Veterinary Bioscience) in government agencies, livestock and agricultural management, livestock production and nutrition, private companies, zoos and animal welfare organisations.
   Potential careers: Animal / Veterinary Technician, Bioinformatics, Pathway to Veterinary Medicine, Quarantine Officer, Science Communicators, Science Educators, Scientific Data Analyst, Animal Behaviouralist, Animal Breeding, Animal Welfare, Scientific Officer, Government Officer, Government or Corporate Policy Adviser
   Vet nursing is not a tertiary level course and so a bachelor is not required. Those interested in being a Vet nurse should contact TAFE.
8. After completing three years of Vet Medicine, how do I become a registered vet?

The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program allows registration as a veterinarian in Australasia (http://www.vsbsa.org.au/). Graduates may also advance to research training via higher degrees by research or to clinical specialty training via the residency and specialty examination route.

9. What if I am interested in becoming a Vet that cares for marine animals? What is the program and pathway?

A vast array of electives are available in your final years of the Vet Bioscience course which will allow you to specialize in your preferred area. The University of Adelaide is unique in that they provide more opportunity for students interested in marine animals through their Aquaculture component of the course. The University has an Aquaculture specialist who provides preparation in this area over and above that offered by other universities. The University provides all skills for all species so you will be prepared for treating all kinds of animals at the end. Should you wish to pursue further studies, then you may be interested in the Bachelor of Science (Marine Biology) as well: https://www.adelaide.edu.au/degree-finder/2017/bsc_bscmarine.html