

Application for Commonwealth Scholarships

for the MSc in Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health and the MSc in Livestock Health and Production Academic year (commencing Feb 2009)

Distance Learning Scholarships

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK is awarding 20 scholarships to study (by distance learning) for the MSc in Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health, and the MSc in Livestock Health and Production offered by the Royal Veterinary College, University of London. The scholarships are open for students from **Bangladesh** and **Sri Lanka** only. This pack includes the application form and all of the information you will need in order to apply for these scholarships.

This application form is for students applying for the scholarships **and** for a place on either of the above-named programmes. The MSc programmes, which can be completed in 2-5 years, consist of both three core and four optional courses (chosen from the lists below). The materials that you receive and the amount of internet access required for each course is as shown in the tables below:

Details of the MSc in Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health

Course		Study guide	Reader	CD-ROM	Textbooks	Internet essential
3 Core courses	Epidemiology and Animal Health Economics	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Veterinary Public Health	✓	✓		✓	
	Statistical Methods in Veterinary Epidemiology	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Choose 4 Optional courses	Surveillance and Investigation of Animal Health	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Advanced Statistical Methods in Veterinary Epidemiology	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Developing and Monitoring of Livestock Production Systems	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Economics for Livestock Development and Policy	✓	✓		✓	
	Research Design, Management and Grant Application Writing	✓	✓		✓	✓
	Management of Infectious Viral Disease Outbreaks in Animal Populations	✓				✓
	Research Project	✓				✓

Details of the MSc in Livestock Health and Production

Course		Study guide	Reader	CD-ROM	Textbooks	Internet essential
3 Core courses	Animal Disease Part I (Current Concepts)	✓	✓		✓	
	Developing and Monitoring of Livestock Production Systems	✓	✓		✓	
	Principles of Livestock Production	✓	✓		✓	
Choose 4 Optional modules	Animal Disease Part II (Infectious and Production Diseases – A Species Approach)	✓	✓		✓	
	Animal Welfare	✓	✓		✓	
	Epidemiology and Animal Health Economics	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Economics for Livestock Development and Policy	✓	✓		✓	
	Management of Infectious Viral Disease Outbreaks in Animal Populations	✓				✓
	Reproduction and Fertility – A Species Approach	✓	✓	✓		
	Research Design, Management and Grant Application Writing	✓	✓		✓	✓
	Veterinary Public Health	✓	✓		✓	
	Research Project	✓				✓

Please note that for all courses internet access is desirable.

Entry requirements

To study for the MSc students must have:

EITHER

- A second class honours degree or the equivalent in a scientific subject, veterinary science, animal science, agriculture, biological sciences or medicine;

OR

- A second class honours degree in a scientific discipline, which has, in the opinion of the University, included suitable training.

English language requirements

All applicants must have passed a test of English Proficiency acceptable to the University of London – within the past three years – for example IELTS with an overall score of 6.5, with a minimum of 6.0 in each sub-test or TOEFL score of 580 (or 237 in the computerised test) plus 4.5 in the Test of Written English (TWE)/Essay Rating.

Other documentary evidence (Please note that any documents submitted **cannot be returned**. Do not submit original degree certificates.)

In support of each application, the following documents are also scrutinised carefully:

- Supporting statements from the applicant's two referees.
- Covering letter indicating why the applicant wishes to attend the course.
- Academic transcript. Academic transcripts are confidential, please request that the University sends them directly to Ruth Chandler at the address below. **Please note that these will not be returned.**

What will you get from the Scholarship?

The scholarship will pay the full tuition fee of the MSc which amounts to £8,250.

In addition, students will receive £200 to cover the cost of internet access and in-country examination registration/travel costs.

There will also be an annual teaching workshop (1 week in duration) held in both Bangladesh and Sri Lanka for the candidate in their own country, by RVC academic staff. Travel, accommodation and board for the candidates will be paid for by the Scholarship.

Examination and Assessment

Course assessment is by Tutor Marked Assignments (TMA's), which constitute 20% of the marks and, a 3-hour unseen written examination, constituting 80% of the marks.

Students may submit up to three TMAs for each course in which they will be examined and the best assignment will contribute to the final examination mark. Tutors provide a detailed feedback report for the student as part of TMA marking and which enables students to monitor and, where necessary improve, the quality of both their understanding and presentation skills.

Examinations take place once a year in October. The examinations are normally held in the student's country of residence, at a centre arranged either through the local Ministry of Education or the British Council.

This MSc course does not involve time outside of the student's own country.

For further information, please contact Ruth Chandler, the Course Administrator, at the following:

Tel: +44 (0) 1707 666356

Email: dlp@rvc.ac.uk

Address: Ruth Chandler, The Royal Veterinary College, Distance Learning Programme,
Eclipse Building (Room S2), Hawkshead Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Hertfordshire AL9 7TA, United Kingdom

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 1 JULY 2008



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Please read carefully **before** you complete this application form

- A. Complete the questions on the following pages in full, using a pen with **black** ink. If there are any questions which do not affect you, write N/A ('Not applicable').
- B. It is your responsibility to ensure that the application is submitted to the University before the closing date. **The University cannot be held responsible if you, or a third party, submit the application after the closing date has passed. If your application arrives after the deadline, it will not be considered.**
- C. It is **your** responsibility to obtain all the information and documentary evidence required in support of your application. The University cannot undertake to obtain information/evidence/references on your behalf. Any documents submitted cannot be returned.
- D. Please note that a decision cannot be taken on this application until all the necessary documentary evidence **and** both references have been received.
- E. All applicants will be contacted in October once the final decision has been made.

The address to send applications to is: Ruth Chandler, The Royal Veterinary College, Distance Learning Programme, Eclipse Building (Room S2), Hawkshead Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Hertfordshire AL9 7TA, UK
Please note faxed/emailed applications will not be considered.

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1-8. Personal details (please write in BLOCK CAPITALS)

1. Surname/family name	First/given name(s)
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
2. Please record your names below IN THE ORDER in which you wish them to appear on the University's records and on your final certificate.	
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	
3. Title Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	4. Gender Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Date of birth <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <small>day / month / year</small>	
6. Home address (please write in BLOCK CAPITALS)	7. Home contact
<input style="width: 95%; height: 150px;" type="text"/>	Telephone Fax Email
Post/Zip code Country	8. Work contact
	Telephone Fax Email
Please indicate clearly which MSc you are applying for:	
MSc in Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health <input type="checkbox"/>	MSc in Livestock Health and Production <input type="checkbox"/>

9. Degree(s) held or currently being taken

Include the title of the degree, the name of the university or other institution, the classification of award, the main subjects studied and date the degree was awarded.

Title of degree	University	Honours class'n (or GPA)	Subject(s)	Date of award

10. English language proficiency

please tick (✓) the relevant boxes and see information page 2 for further information.

A. What is your first language/mother tongue? _____

B. If your first language/mother tongue is **not** English please answer the following questions (**you are required to submit documentary evidence in support of your answer(s) to question(s) (i), (ii) **and** (iv). Your application cannot proceed unless this evidence is submitted*).

(i) Have you had substantial secondary/higher education conducted in English (minimum of 18 months)?
(**documentary evidence required in support*)

Yes No

(ii) Have you had substantial recent work experience conducted in English (minimum 18 months)?
(**documentary evidence required in support*)

Yes No

(iii) Have you taken a Test of Proficiency in English within the past three years?

Yes No

(*if the answer to this question is 'No' – please go to Question 11*)

(iv) If 'Yes', please give full details of the name of the test you took (eg. TOEFL, IELTS, IGCSE/GCSE/GCE 'O' level English Language, CPE); the grade/score/mark you achieved in each element/sub-test **and** the date of the test
(**the **original** certificate must be submitted with your application*):

11. Other post-school qualifications

(e.g. diplomas, certificates, professional qualifications, etc.)

Title	Institution	Duration (inc. full- or part-time)	Subjects	Date

12. Current employment

Date started	Job title	Employer
Main responsibilities		
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13. Employment

You are required to submit a FULL employment Curriculum Vitae (CV) with this application form.

Please note that your application will not be considered if this is omitted. I have enclosed my CV

14. Referees

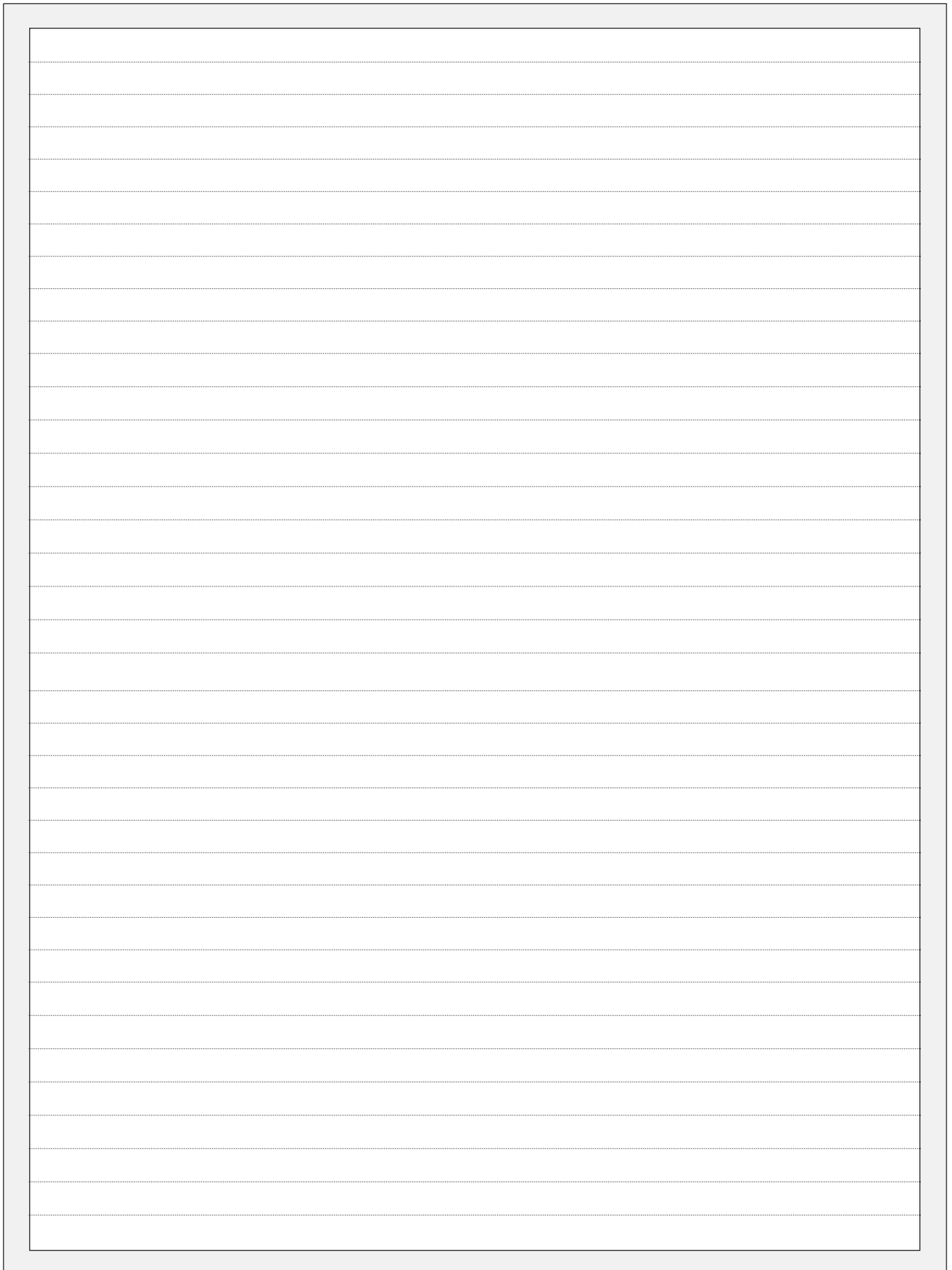
You must ask two referees to send **confidential letters of reference direct to the University**. You should select referees who are able to comment on your suitability for postgraduate study. At least one referee should have knowledge of your academic work at first degree, or higher, level (this reference should preferably be from the institution at which you studied) but the second must be concerned with your work-related experience, with particular reference to your level of computing knowledge and experience.

Name of referee	Name of referee
In what capacity do you know this person?	In what capacity do you know this person?
Address	Address
Post/zip code	Post/zip code
Country	Country

Your referees should send their letters of reference to:

Ruth Chandler, The Royal Veterinary College, Distance Learning Programme, Eclipse Building (Room S2), Hawkshead Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Hertfordshire AL9 7TA, UK

17. Please summarise how you can contribute to the developmental needs of your country. (Please give your reasons below in your own handwriting and in a minimum of 250 words; you may continue on a separate sheet if you wish.)

A large rectangular area with a light gray border, containing horizontal dotted lines for handwriting. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across the width of the box, providing a guide for writing.

18. Submitting your application

Documentary evidence of all your qualifications is needed in order for your application to be considered (please note that any documents submitted are unable to be returned). This evidence must be submitted to the University together with the **original** of this application form.

Please indicate, by a tick (✓) in the relevant box, the documents you are enclosing. If you are unable to supply the appropriate evidence for one or more of your qualifications, you should also enclose a letter giving your reasons.

1. **Photocopied** evidence of your full name and date of birth
(e.g. birth certificate, passport, statutory declaration)
2. a. Your **original** academic certificate showing the class of award obtained
(where applicable)
- b. **OR** a photocopy of your original degree certificate or academic diploma verified by the British Council (*If the British Council is unable or unwilling to provide this service, you are required to submit the evidence specified in either 2a or 2c*).
- c. **OR** an original statement/transcript of your academic studies certified by the institution at which your qualification was obtained
3. Your **original** TOEFL/IELTS or GCSE/GCE 'O' Level English Language certificate (or similar) **OR** a photocopy of the original certificate that has been **verified by the British Council** (*If the British Council is unable or unwilling to provide this service, you are required to submit the original certificate*)
4. Your Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Note: all **original** documents submitted by you will be returned by registered mail after your application has been processed. However, the University will keep all photocopies unless you specifically ask for them to be returned to you.

An original official translation into English must be provided for any evidence required that is not already in English. This translation will be retained by the University.

In addition to the above, please indicate whether you have asked two referees to send confidential letters of reference to the University directly (see question 14 on page 3 of the application form).

*For office use only
Documents returned
(if applicable)*

Date

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DECLARATION TO BE SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT

- a) I declare that the statements made by me on this form are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct.
- b) I agree to the University of London processing my personal data contained in this application form and other personal data that the University may obtain from me or other people connected with my studies. I agree to the retention and disclosure of such data for normal academic and administrative purposes in accordance with the principles set out in the 1998 Data Protection Act.

Signature Date