

**Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine (RUSVM)**  
**“Research Semester Away”**  
**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

1. Q: What kind of research can I undertake?  
A: This depends on your specific area of interest. You may choose to join an ongoing research program or to develop your own project.
2. Q: How do I identify an organization where I can undertake research for a semester?  
A: You may wish to use your own contacts, or RUSVM can assist. RUSVM collaborates with various institutions.
3. Q: With which institutions has Ross established collaborative linkages for Research Semesters Away?  
A: RUSVM has established relationships with:
  - Memorandum of Understanding with the Caribbean Primate Research Center (CPRC), University of Puerto Rico (Medical campus). One student recently completed a semester away at CPRC.
  - St Kitts Biomedical Research Foundation (SKBRF), where a student completed a semester away, has indicated they would welcome more Ross students.
  - The Behavioral Research Foundation (BSF) also welcomes our students.
  - Fort Dodge Animal Health offered a RUSVM “Semester Away Research Exchange Program.”
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We have had discussions with Introduction to Conservation Medicine ([www.wildlifevets.com](http://www.wildlifevets.com)) in South Africa, National Institutes of Health (NIH), North Carolina State University, Cornell University as well as some of our other affiliate schools.
  - Merck Merial Scholarships.
  - VetPharm, Inc. Fellowships.
4. Q: What possibilities exist for Research Semester Away on island?  
A: The St Kitts Sea Turtle Monitoring Network program, the SKBRF and the BRF are local possibilities.
5. Q: Where have students completed a Research Semester Away?  
A: Students have undertaken research at CDC, SKBRF and CPRC and NC State. Others are planning internships in sea mammal and wildlife medicine.
6. Q: Is there funding available to assist with a Research Semester Away?  
A: Limited partial stipends are available. The criteria are: a minimum GPA of 3.0; identification of a research facility or program; a proposal including motivation to participate and plan of work and budget.
7. Q: How is a semester away arranged with RUSVM?  
A: A form is available through Dr Guy St Jean, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. You will complete this and submit it to him.
8. Q: If I want more information about Semester Away Research who do I contact?  
A: Please direct your questions to Dr Tammi Krecek, Associate Dean for Research at [tkrecek@rossvet.edu.kn](mailto:tkrecek@rossvet.edu.kn)

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