



Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours)

2026 Entry Information for International Applicants

James Cook University's Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours) is a five-year undergraduate program located in Townsville. With a strong focus on rural and remote contexts, you'll be equipped to take your degree anywhere.

Overview

This program aims to produce graduates of the highest academic standards, who can progress to veterinary practice and to further studies in veterinary specialties. Graduates will be uniquely qualified in the fields of rural/remote and tropical veterinary practice.

Graduate with the practical experience that makes you valuable to employers. Real-world experience in laboratories, veterinary hospitals, on farms and in private practice gives you the confidence you need to pursue a successful career.

This course is accredited by the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC). Graduates are eligible to practice as Veterinarians in Australia, New Zealand and the UK.

Important dates

1 MARCH 2025 Opening date for international student applications for 2026 entry.

31 AUGUST 2025 Closing date for international student applications and supporting documents for 2026 entry. Submissions received after this date will not be accepted.

31 AUGUST 2025, 11.59 PM (AEST) Prediction of Academic Achievement form to be received by International Admissions.

27 JANUARY 2026 JCU Academic Year begins.

Submissions

The Written JCU International Application Form must be submitted along with all other required documents on or prior to the closing date through a [JCU Agent](#) or [online directly to JCU](#).

Applicants who apply via a JCU Agent are recommended to submit their completed application to their nominated agent at least one week prior to the deadline. The application closing date is 31 August 2025. Applications received after this date will NOT be accepted.

Additional application requirements

As part of the selection process, all applicants are required to complete an application which includes responses to questions and provision of references (Letters of Support).

As of May 2025 there has been an update to the application requirements for Veterinary Science 2025/26 admission cycle. All applicants are required to complete a Casper test and participate in an interview using an online system managed by Kira Talent. Both tests will require candidate responding in the platforms with both typed and video responses.

Please note that applicants will be responsible for paying Casper and Kira Talent respectively the fees associated with completing the Casper requirements, and the use of the Kira Talent interview platform.

CASPER

Casper measures different personal and professional skills that we believe are important for successful students and graduates of our program. It will complement the other tools we use for applicant review and evaluation, and we require Casper as part of our efforts to enhance fairness in our selection process. If you have already completed Casper for an application to another veterinary institution in 2025 you do not have to repeat the Casper requirement. If you previously completed it prior to 2025 you will need to take the test again. Casper is an online, open-response situational judgement test that takes 65–85 minutes to complete.

Register [online](#) for more information and to complete the assessment. You will register for the assessment code and type: **CSP-10411**

Casper test dates:

- 19 June 2025, 7pm AEST
- 5 August 2025, 7pm AEST

For international applicants, please only select 19 June or 5 August 2025 for your Casper test. Results for tests taken after 5 August will be received too late to be considered for the 2026 intake.

Please note, if you have sat a previous Casper test this cycle (either on 20 March or 22 May 2025) and would like to apply your score towards your application for the Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours) at JCU, you will need to contact the Acuity Insights Applicant Support Team to make arrangements for the additional distribution at support@acuityinsights.com

Cost: AUD \$59 base fee plus \$30 distribution fee (current as at 20 May 2025).

KIRA INTERVIEW

Your Kira assessment gives you the flexibility to show us who you are, when and where it's convenient for you. By removing the travel and time costs associated with face-to-face interviews, we aim to make it easier for us to get to know each other better.

During the test you will submit timed video and/or written responses to questions that have been pre-recorded by James Cook University. Each question will have a designated amount of prep and response time, and you can track your remaining time for each component on the screen. You'll be able to record your responses from the comfort of your home, and you can do so in your own time. This is a one-way interview. It should only take 30–60 minutes to complete and can be done on your own time.



You will require a desktop or laptop computer with a functioning webcam, microphone, and internet connection. The Kira Talent system allows for unlimited practice sessions, only one formal assessment. This allows us to capture your candid responses.

For more detailed information on the assessment process and to register for the interview, please check back here shortly for the link to Kira.

Cost: USD \$38.84 plus tax (current as at 20 May 2025).

Selection process

In 2026, JCU has approximately 5 places available in the Bachelor of Veterinary Science course for international applicants.

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following elements:

- Academic performance in Year 12 studies and/or in tertiary studies
- Evaluation of the Written JCU International Application Form

APPLICANTS IN YEAR 12 OR EQUIVALENT IN 2025

Please provide official copies of your Year 12 certificate or equivalent.

Your School Principal/Vice-Principal/Guidance Officer or Director of Studies must complete a [Prediction of Academic Achievement](#) form for you and email to JCU at jcuinternational@jcu.edu.au by 11.59 pm (AEST) on 31 August 2025.

APPLICANTS WHO COMPLETED YEAR 12 PRIOR TO 2025

Please provide official copies of your Year 12 certificate or equivalent. If you have also commenced or completed tertiary studies, please also include a certified copy of your academic record to date.

Your most recent grade point average (GPA) score will be given the most weight to assess your application, however your entire academic record will be considered when determining offers for places. Study or qualifications that do not generate a GPA score will not be considered, including study below AQF level 7 bachelor level or equivalent.

For 2025, a GPA of 5.75 on a 7 point scale was required to be considered for an offer but does not guarantee an offer of a place in the program.

UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Applicants who are unsuccessful will be notified.

The number of places available to study veterinary science at JCU is limited. If your application is not successful, you may like to consider studying a Bachelor degree in Biomedical Sciences or Science. Strong academic performance may provide an opportunity for you to transition into Veterinary Science, however this cannot be guaranteed.

REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK

With a high volume of applications to the Veterinary Science course, JCU is not able to provide individuals with information or feedback about their application. This includes information relating to an individual's application form or written application.

Applicants who have been unsuccessful in obtaining a place in this course may choose to appeal the decision through a [Formal Review](#) within the timelines set in the [Student Review and Appeals Policy](#).

English language requirements

Some studies completed in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, UK or USA may meet the English Proficiency requirement.

For details, please email jcuinternational@jcu.edu.au.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST MINIMUM SCORES

IELTS (academic module) with a minimum overall score of 7 and a minimum score of 7 in three of the components and 6.5 in one component (listening, reading, writing and speaking) in one sitting.

or PTE Academic with a minimum overall score of 65 and a minimum score of 65 in three of the four communicative skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking) and 58 in one component.

or TOEFL (internet based) with a minimum total score of 94 (23 in speaking, 24 in listening and reading and 27 in writing).

Near the end of their studies, international JCU Veterinary Science students may be required, at their own cost, to complete an English test for the purposes of registration with the Medical Board of Australia.

More information regarding registration can be found on the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) website at ahpra.gov.au.

Required subjects

Students must have completed:

- English (3/4,C)
- Mathematical Methods (Units 3/4,C)
- Chemistry (Units 3/4,C).

JCU also recommends students complete:

- Biology (3/4,C).

For international equivalents email jcuinternational@jcu.edu.au.

Inherent requirements and adjustments

Inherent requirements are the fundamental abilities, attributes, skills and behaviours needed to successfully complete the course. Review the [Bachelor of Veterinary Science Inherent Requirements](#).

International student visas

Applicants are advised to check visa requirements and processing times with the [Australian Government Department of Home Affairs](#).

Professional experience placement

Professional experience placement is a formal component of this course and prepares you for registration and/or accreditation as a professional in your field.

Students must meet all requirements for placements by the deadlines specified and maintain currency of all requirements to remain enrolled in this course.

For details visit [Preparing for Professional Experience Placement](#).

Vaccinations

Students must provide evidence of being immune to Q Fever within the first teaching period of their studies.

Professional experience placement is a requirement of this course and students may be engaged in roles where there is contact that would allow transmission of this disease. Students are required to comply with this requirement or may have their enrolment terminated.

JCU recommends additional vaccinations and students will receive information regarding these vaccinations at the commencement of their first year.

Working with children

Queensland law contains provisions designed to ensure that persons who are to work with children and young people are first assessed on their known police and disciplinary information. The [Working with Children Check](#) is a screening process that assesses your suitability to work with children and young people. A person whose application is approved will be issued with a Blue Card.

Requirements for course completion include conditions for students to undertake placements, which involve coming into contact with young people. Initial enrolment and continuing enrolment in this course are conditional upon the following:

- I. Eligibility of the student for a Blue Card at the time of first enrolment;
- II. Maintenance of that eligibility throughout the duration of the course; and
- III. Actual acquisition of a Blue Card prior to commencement of placement.

In the event that a student becomes ineligible for a Blue Card, at any time between the date of first enrolment and the date of completion of the course, the student's enrolment in the course may be terminated. Therefore, persons who have reason to believe that they might have difficulty in obtaining a Blue Card should clarify their position in that regard before deciding to apply for this course.

Federal police check

All students are required to obtain an Australian Federal Police National Criminal History Check. International students are also required to complete a Commonwealth Statutory Declaration, which can be done once in Australia.

Contact details

ENQUIRIES

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jcu.edu.au/courses/study/veterinary-science

UNIVERSITY HANDBOOK

handbook.jcu.edu.au

ACCOMMODATION

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