



Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine

INFORMATION FOR SELECTIVE SITES

Since the 94/95 academic year, students at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University have had the equivalent of one afternoon (or morning in year 3) a week during each semester to devote to professional or personal development. These pre-clinical experiences are termed selectives, and the program was established to provide students with an opportunity to personalize their educational process. Our intent is to foster networking, the development of clinical or research skills, and provide experiences that will influence career decisions. Our goal is also, through community service opportunities, to promote development of personal attitudes and behaviors important in members of the veterinary profession.

A selective experience that is new and has not been previously approved by the school is termed a “self-styled” experience, and a self-styled selective form should be filled out by the mentor to provide basic information about the site and the experience.

Students should be integrated into the daily activities of the selective site, whether clinical, research, or service-based experience, hopefully providing meaningful contributions while learning. Whenever possible, students and mentors have the option to renew their selective experience for a subsequent semester, if desired and fair to other students seeking similar experiences. In general, no funds are available to support student participation. Mentors for the selective programs are required to grade students as P/F for participation in selective experiences.