

**(November 30, 2010 Stillwater, OK)** – Oklahoma State University's [Center for Veterinary Health Sciences](#) ' PhD program ranks in the top 50 percent of all such programs at veterinary and medical colleges according to the National Research Council.

The National Research Council of the National Academies recently completed its rankings of U.S. PhD programs. The Council conducts the study every ten years. Universities use it to benchmark the quality of their doctoral degree programs and public and governmental officials use it to evaluate the quality of these programs.

The study uses 20 parameters to assess the quality of faculty and research, student quality and support, and diversity for each program and compare it to similar programs. The rankings show that the PhD program in Veterinary Biomedical Sciences at OSU ranked 58th among 120 U.S. programs.

The rankings included prestigious medical college programs such as those at the University of California at San Francisco, Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City, and the University of Texas Southwest Medical Center at Houston. Although OSU's program is smaller than most in the integrated biomedical sciences field, it compared well with similar but larger programs at veterinary colleges at the University of Wisconsin, The Ohio State University and Louisiana State University.

The Veterinary Biomedical Sciences graduate program at Oklahoma State builds on the excellence of its DVM program to train veterinarians and scientists in multidisciplinary approaches to solving societal challenges in animal and human health, wholesome food supplies, and a healthy environment.

*The Oklahoma State University [Center for Veterinary Health Sciences](#) is one of 28 veterinary colleges in the United States and is fully accredited by the Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical Association. The center's [Boren Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital](#) is open to the public and provides routine and specialized care for small and large animals. It also offers 24 hour emergency care and is certified by the American Animal Hospital Association. For more information, visit [www.cvhs.okstate.edu](http://www.cvhs.okstate.edu) or call (405) 744-7000.*

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