

## Tips for Interviewing

In early-to-mid February the students that pass the Full Application Review will be invited to participate in a mandatory Candidate Interview process. Each applicant will be interviewed by a panel of two members of the Admissions Committee and one Senior Vet Student.

For many years, the UFCVM has utilized structured, 50-minute long behavioral interviews which score on a number of behavioral factors such as teamwork, integrity, and problem-solving to score and rank applicants that participate in Candidate Interviews.

Here are just a few tips to help you make your interview experience the best possible representation of you as a qualified applicant to the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine:

- **Be Yourself.** Don't be afraid to be honest, sincere, and share your enthusiasm about the field of veterinary medicine with your interviewers. Answer questions truthfully and with confidence. Remember that you are choosing a veterinary school just as much as a veterinary school is choosing you, and it's important to feel comfortable and accepted for who you are as an individual.
- **Provide examples and give details.** The interviewers are trying to gauge what experiences, knowledge, and skills you have. Using examples, anecdotes, and details is a great way to demonstrate how you've put your answer to a question into practice.
- **Prepare, prepare, prepare.** Although you will not be given the questions ahead of time, it is still possible (and advisable) to prepare for your interview. Ask veterinarians with whom you've worked to conduct a mock interview with you. Seek out opportunities to participate in interviews with people you haven't met or known well. Spend some time reflecting on commonly asked interview questions. The more comfortable you are with interviewing, the more enjoyable this process will be.
- **Come with questions.** You should always be prepared to ask a few questions of your own. You have a decision to make as well, and it is important to know about the program you are considering investing in for the next four years.
- **Research.** Wherever you interview, whether for school or a career, it is always a good idea to come armed with information about the institution. Having this knowledge will help you to feel comfortable, ask important questions, and give you the opportunity to engage fully with your interviewers.

