

# Master of Veterinary Science

## Submission of a Collection of Papers for Examination

### Course Overview

Applicants who have completed approved scientific research while not enrolled in a MVSc at the University may apply for a Master of Veterinary Science degree. The award of the MVSc will depend upon the quality and originality of the work submitted for examination.

### Format

If candidates are submitting a collection of papers (either published or unpublished), a general introduction, a literature survey, a general discussion, and a summary are also required.

### Eligibility

Candidates submitting a collection of papers must be either

- Bachelor of Veterinary Science graduates of the University of Melbourne with a minimum of four years since graduating with their BVSc *and/or*
- Veterinary graduates who have a substantial connection with the University of Melbourne and can provide documented evidence such as research publications while an employee of the University of Melbourne.

### Application Procedures

Applicants who satisfy the criteria outlined above must gain the support of the Faculty before they will be enrolled in the course. The Faculty assumes responsibility for organising the examination of the applicant's thesis/collection of papers.

The Faculty does not provide resources and/or supervision for the applicant. Applicants complete the standard MVSc application form available from the Faculty. An 80 word summary of the research must be submitted at the same time as the application.

The Faculty will send the 80-word summary to examiners when inviting them to act.

The offer letter will include:

- a Submission of Masters (by Research) Thesis: Statement by Candidate, Supervisor and Chairperson of Examiners form.

The Chairperson of Examiners will be required to complete the Supervisor's section. **Please bring the completed form with you when you submit your thesis/collection of papers.**

### Enrolment Procedure

After receiving a letter of offer candidates attend the Faculty to enroll (Veterinary Preclinical Centre, Parkville).

1. At the Veterinary Preclinical Centre you will receive your enrolment record.
2. Pay your fees of \$2500 at Australia Post using the pay-in slip on your enrolment record.
3. Then proceed to Student Administration, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Raymond Priestley Building, where you will confirm your enrolment by completing an enrolment questionnaire and declaration. This will complete your enrolment.

## Frequently Asked Questions FAQs

### **Q1. Over what time span are papers able to be included?**

There is no time limit.

### **Q2. Is it only journal articles, or abstracts or chapters in books?**

Abstracts do not have research content and book chapters could only be included if they contain your original research.

### **Q3. Do all the papers need to have the candidate as first author?**

No, but the Preface should make it clear what the candidate's role was in joint papers and the contribution of others.

### **Q4. How many papers are enough?**

This is a matter of judgement but must be an equivalent amount of work to a standard MVSc. (see also Q5)

### **Q5. Is it possible to see an example of a Masters Thesis awarded by this manner?**

Unfortunately the University of Melbourne student database does not flag this so it cannot be isolated.

All MVSc theses submitted to the University are sent to the Baillieu library on the Parkville Campus and the Veterinary Science branch library also keeps a copy so prospective students could contact either to arrange access to these collections.

Information on the Baillieu Thesis Collection is at:  
[www.lib.unimelb.edu.au/collections/special/guides.html](http://www.lib.unimelb.edu.au/collections/special/guides.html)

### **Q6. What happens next in terms of my application?**

The Faculty suggests that students first check that all the above conditions are met prior to lodging an application for a Masters of Veterinary Science by collection of papers.

### **Q7. Has the MVSc Collection of Papers always been known as this?**

A candidate submitting a collection of papers (either published or unpublished) was previously known as a non-attending candidate or the work an "over the counter" thesis.

### References

The Guide to the Content and Format of Theses for the Degree of Master of Veterinary Science is available from the Faculty Office, Parkville.

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