

What is the Smith-Kilborne Program?

The Smith-Kilborne Program is designed to acquaint veterinary students with various foreign animal diseases which potentially threaten our domestic animal population. The program includes both classroom presentations on diseases and their implications combined with laboratory experiences. Following the seminar, students are expected to share their new knowledge with others. The Smith-Kilborne Program is conducted at two locations: Cornell University, Ithaca, NY and the Plum Island Animal Disease Center, Plum Island, NY.



Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine



Plum Island

What is the schedule?

First, students will travel to Ithaca, New York, on the Tuesday after Memorial Day. Classes on foreign animal diseases will be conducted at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine from Wednesday through Friday. Next, on Saturday, students will travel by bus from Ithaca to the hotel in Connecticut. Students will have a free day on Sunday, and then on Monday and Tuesday they will travel to the Plum Island Animal Disease Center. At the Plum Island Animal Disease Center, they will receive updates on research and diagnostic aspects of the most important foreign animal diseases, and participate in laboratory sessions for hands-on experience in recognizing foreign animal diseases. Students will depart on Wednesday.



Group Dinner at the Dock & Dine Restaurant, Old Saybrook, CT

Schedule:

- Tuesday, May 29: Fly in to Syracuse Hancock International Airport, Syracuse, NY
Van Pool to Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
6:30pm: Opening and Welcome Dinner
- Wednesday, May 30: Classroom sessions at Cornell University
- Thursday, May 31: Classroom sessions at Cornell University
- Friday, June 1: Classroom sessions at Cornell University
- Saturday, June 2: Depart Ithaca by chartered bus
Check in to hotel in Niantic, CT
- Sunday, June 3: Free Day
- Monday, June 4: Presentations and laboratory sessions at Plum Island Animal Disease Center
- Tuesday, June 5: Presentations and laboratory sessions at Plum Island Animal Disease Center
- Wednesday, June 6: Departure from TF Green Airport, Providence, RI



Lighthouse on Plum Island

Are my expenses covered?

Yes! APHIS will pay all program-related expenses for the students. This includes travel to and from the program, meals, lodging, and tuition.



Whom do I contact if I have questions?

You may contact Dr. Jason Baldwin, USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services, Professional Development Staff by phone at (970) 494-7225, or by email at Jason.L.Baldwin@aphis.usda.gov

What else do I need to know?

You will be reimbursed for your meals after the course, so make sure you bring enough cash to cover your expenses while you are there. Remember to pack an alarm clock. There are no clocks in the dorms at Cornell. Also, you will be asked to observe a five-day quarantine period after you leave Plum Island. You will be asked not to contact any livestock (cattle, sheep goats, deer and other ruminants, and swine), poultry, or pet birds for five days following your last day in the lab at Plum Island. Come prepared to learn and to have a lot of fun!