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Buckeye Roots, Global Reach



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Executive Summary

This report summarizes FY26 activities and outcomes of the College of Veterinary Medicine Global Engagement Program, which connects veterinary students to domestic and international experiential learning, research, and service opportunities to *create veterinarians for an interconnected world*.

FY26 was marked by the establishment of dedicated program staffing, an expanded student travel awards portfolio, realignment of application cycles, and strong student engagement across informational sessions, sponsored global placements, and the Global One Health Scholars program.

Impact By the Numbers:

\$45,845 Distributed to support student travel	33 Students supported in immersive educational experiences	2 New global partner agreements
4 Informational sessions held	2 Global One Health Summer Scholars funded	

1. Program Team

Dedicated staffing for the Global Engagement Program represents a foundational investment that allows the program to scale and support activity beyond what a single faculty director can sustain.

1.1 Core team

Name	Role	Term
Amanda Berrian, DVM, PhD, MPH, DACVPM	Program Director; Dr. Tom Mack Endowed Chair in Global One Health	July 1, 2025 – present
Matthew Pugh, BME	Research Administrative Coordinator (0.25 FTE)	Nov 3, 2025 – June 5, 2026
Mary Cabassa, BS	Student Assistant (0.25 FTE)	July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
Rebecca Davis, BS	Student Assistant (0.25 FTE)	May 26, 2026 – present

1.2 Faculty steering committee

The Global Engagement Program is guided by a faculty steering committee spanning all three college departments:

- Lindsay Cuciak, DVM (Veterinary Clinical Sciences)
- Ronaldo da Costa, DVM, MSc, PhD, DACVIM (Veterinary Clinical Sciences)
- Rebecca Garabed, VMD, MPVM, PhD (Veterinary Preventive Medicine)
- Armando Hoet, DVM, PhD, DACVPM (Veterinary Preventive Medicine)
- Nongnuch Inpanbutr, DVM, MS, PhD (Veterinary Biosciences)
- Jeanette O'Quin, DVM, MPH, DACVPM, DABVP (Veterinary Preventive Medicine)
- Ramiro Toribio, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVIM (Veterinary Clinical Sciences)

2. Student Travel Awards

FY26 saw an expansion in student-facing travel award activity through two funding mechanisms: the Mack Global One Health Fund and the [Charlie's Angels Fund](#). For domestic opportunities, application cycles were also increased to better align with year-round clinical rotations and student travel planning.

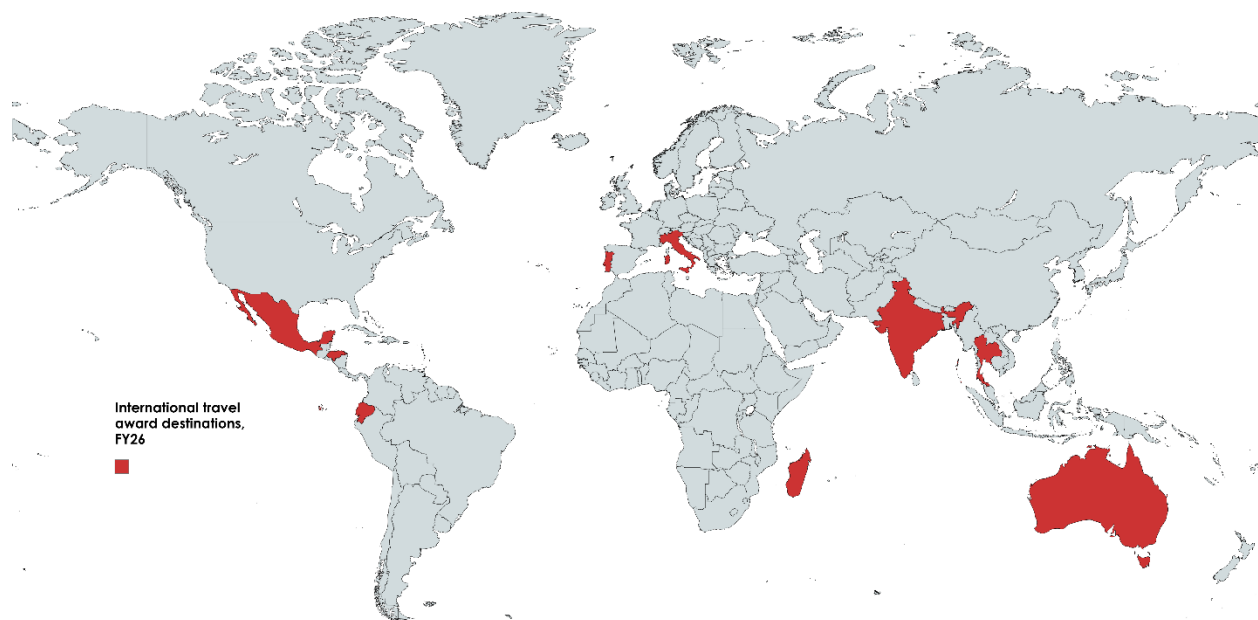
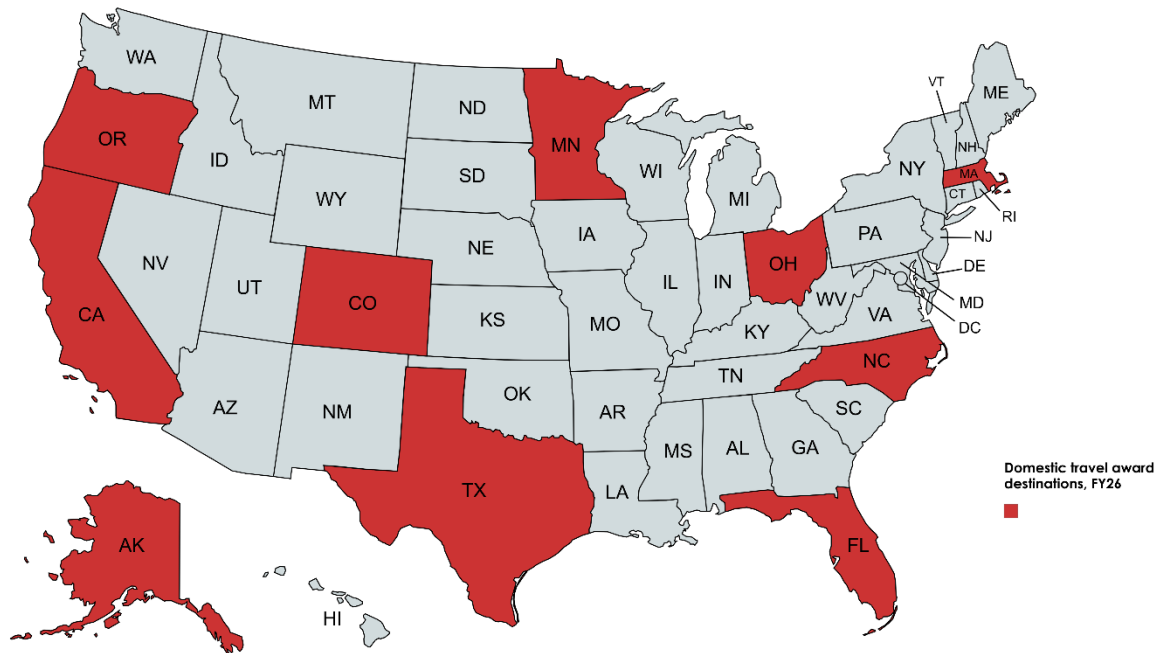
2.1 Awards overview

Term	Charlie's Angels	Mack Global One Health
Autumn	3	2
Winter	2	N/A
Spring	6	4
Summer	1	N/A
Total	12	6

Fund	Total awarded
Mack Global One Health	\$28,320*
Charlie's Angels	\$17,525
Total	\$45,845

**Includes support for the CVM Signature Study Abroad Program to Thailand led by Dr. Nongnuch Inpanbutr (see Section 3.1) and Madagascar experience led by Dr. Randy Junge (see Section 3.2)*

2.2 Geographic distribution of funded travel award opportunities



2.3 Autumn 2025 awardees



Megan Andries Class of 2027

Sydney, Australia

Fund: Mack Global One Health

Taronga Zoo and Wildlife Hospital – clinical wildlife medicine rotation focused on case diagnosis, treatment, and surgery for zoo and native wildlife species

Jul 26, 2026 – Aug 21, 2026



Chloe Englehart Class of 2026

Asheville, North Carolina

Fund: Charlie's Angels

ASPCA Spay/Neuter Alliance Veterinary Student Externship – clinical service externship in high-quality, high-volume spay/neuter care for dogs and cats

Mar 30, 2026 – Apr 10, 2026



Alycia Kent Class of 2026

Glennallen, Alaska

Fund: Charlie's Angels

Copper Basin 300 Sled Dog Race – clinical field experience performing pre-race health and orthopedic examinations and providing checkpoint veterinary care for endurance sled dogs

Jan 4, 2026 – Jan 15, 2026



Sahana Prabhu Class of 2026

Gurugram and Tiruchirappalli, India

Fund: Mack Global One Health

The Eye Vet and Rathna's Pet Clinic — clinical small-animal experience in specialty ophthalmology and general practice, with an emphasis on diagnostics, preventive care, and cross-cultural client communication

Jan 5, 2026 – Jan 25, 2026



Sophia Schwartz-Cutler Class of 2026

Portland / Eugene / Roseburg, Oregon

Fund: Charlie's Angels

Rural Medicine Externship — clinical mixed-animal and ambulatory experience across Pacific Northwest practices, focused on cattle, small ruminants, potbellied pigs, and rural production medicine

Jan 4, 2026 – Feb 21, 2026

2.4 Winter 2025 awardees



Anna Kluesener Class of 2029

Florida

Fund: Charlie's Angels

Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) — clinical externship focused on the care, treatment, and recovery of native Florida wildlife

Winter Break 2026 (rescheduled)



Brooke Morris Class of 2029

Minnesota

Fund: Charlie's Angels

Minnesota Wildlife Rehabilitation Center — wildlife experience assisting with species-specific handling, examination, treatment, and release-readiness assessments for native mammals, amphibians, and reptiles

Jan 11, 2026 – Jan 16, 2026

2.5 Spring 2026 awardees



Amanda Rockefeller Class of 2027

Ecuador

Fund: Charlie's Angels

Amici Cannis — clinical and community service experience providing high-volume spay/neuter surgery, emergency care, vaccination outreach, and low-cost veterinary care for owned and free-roaming dogs and cats

Apr 19, 2026 – May 2, 2026



Emily Gillis Class of 2029

Roatán, Honduras

Fund: Mack Global One Health

MARVET — marine animal medicine and conservation experience involving hands-on bottlenose dolphin ultrasound and instruction in the health, diagnostics, and care of diverse aquatic species

Jul 11, 2026 – Jul 18, 2026

**Megan Hohman** Class of 2029*Greeley, Colorado***Fund:** Charlie's Angels**Countryside Large Animal Veterinary Services** — clinical large-animal externship in cattle and equine medicine, with hands-on experience in reproduction, preventive care, emergency cases, and reportable disease response

Jun 21, 2026 – Jul 4, 2026

**Joyce López Colón** Class of 2027*Turlock, California***Fund:** Charlie's Angels**Azores Veterinary Practice** — clinical food-animal externship involving dairy cattle, small ruminants, and swine, with hands-on experience in advanced reproductive procedures, herd health, and preventive medicine

Jun 1, 2026 – Jun 26, 2026

**Faith Alvarez-Moore** Class of 2028*Tijuana, Mexico***Fund:** Charlie's Angels**Baja Spay Neuter** — clinical and community service experience involving physical examinations, vaccine administration, surgical procedures, and community education focused on preventive care and zoonotic risk management

Jun 12, 2026 – Jun 22, 2026

**Sam Sanderson** Class of 2029*Greeley, Colorado and Austin, Texas***Fund:** Charlie's Angels**Countryside Large Animal Veterinary Services and Austin Equine Clinic** — clinical large-animal externships focused on equine and mixed-animal medicine, with hands-on opportunities to strengthen practical and technical skills

Jun 14–26, 2026 and Jul 29–31, 2026

**Alix Upchurch** Class of 2027*Ranomafana National Park, Madagascar***Fund:** Mack Global One Health**Ranomafana Ruffed Lemur Project** — wildlife conservation fieldwork supporting health assessments for critically endangered black-and-white ruffed lemurs

Aug 3, 2026 – Aug 24, 2026

	Xiaoyu Zhou Class of 2028 <i>Weymouth, Massachusetts</i> Fund: Charlie's Angels New England Wildlife Center — clinical wildlife and exotic animal externship focused on appointments, surgery, diagnostics, and rescue care for avian, small mammal, and reptile patients Aug 15, 2026 – Aug 20, 2026
	Maria Couto Veterinary Public Health Resident, Class of 2028 <i>Rome, Italy / Lisbon, Portugal</i> Fund: Mack Global One Health Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) & World One Health Congress – international veterinary public health experience focused on global food systems and interdisciplinary One Health collaboration; research presentation focused on veterinary training and workforce development in pastoralist settings Jun 15, 2026 – Sep 8, 2026
	James Ferrara Veterinary Public Health Resident, Class of 2027 <i>Lisbon, Portugal</i> Fund: Mack Global One Health World One Health Congress – research presentation and professional development experience focused on infectious diseases in community cats, zoonotic disease preparedness, and global One Health collaboration Sep 2, 2026 – Sep 8, 2026

2.6 Summer 2026 awardees

	Addie Flowers Class of 2029 <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Fund: Charlie's Angels Cleveland Metroparks Zoo – clinical research focused on tiger behavior and the gut microbiome; field research focused on antimicrobial resistance surveillance in West Creek Jul 1, 2026 – Jul 17, 2026
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3. Sponsored Opportunities

3.1 Thailand

- Led by Dr. Nongnuch Inpanbutr and Dr. Adam Rudinsky
- Students traveled: 16 (DVM)
- Duration: December 15 – December 30, 2025
- Program description: Established in 2005, the Thailand Veterinary Medicine Experience provides OSU veterinary students with hands-on experience in wildlife/zoo/aquatic animal medicine and surgery in Thailand. Students experience Eastern medical practices and immerse themselves in the local culture and practices.
- Locations: Bangkok and Chiang Mai, including Chiang Mai University, the National Elephant Institute, and Huay Hong Krai station

3.2 Madagascar

- Led by Dr. Randy Junge (Columbus Zoo)
- Students traveled: 1 (DVM)
- Duration: July 27 – August, 16, 2025
- Program description: Supported by the Global Engagement Program since 2023, this experience provides a rare opportunity for OSU veterinary students to care for the critically endangered black-and-white ruffed lemur (*Varecia variegata*) *in situ*. The program entails a three-week field experience during which students capture lemurs, replace radiocollars, conduct biomedical health assessments, and contribute to long-term research investigating their health, fitness, and conservation.
- Location: Ranomafana National Park

3.3 Ecuador

- Led by [Amici Cannis](#)
- Students traveled: 1 (DVM)
- Duration: April 19 – May 2, 2026
- Location: Cotacachi, Imbabura Province
- Program description: This year was the first to partner with Amici Cannis through a student externship opportunity. Their full-service hospital and experienced veterinary team provide care to thousands of pets and community dogs annually, while training veterinary students from accredited universities worldwide. Their training program emphasizes intensive surgical training, medical case management, and real-world clinical exposure. Through a generous Amici Cannis donor and the Global Engagement Program travel awards, we aim to fully support two CVM students annually going forward.

4. Global One Health Summer Scholars

The Global One Health Summer Scholars program supports CVM students conducting mentored summer research in applied One Health. Students are mentored by a faculty member in the college and receive a stipend award of \$5,000 made possible through the Mack Global One Health Fund. The Fund also supports the students' participation in the Veterinary Scholars Symposium or other relevant forum to present their research and gain valuable communication and networking skills.

Amber Blevins — Class of 2029

Faculty mentor: Jeanette O'Quin

Project: "Seroprevalence of HPAI, Panleukopenia, and Toxoplasma gondii in Central Ohio Community Cats"

Amber's project involves testing blood samples from free-roaming cats obtained through Trap-Neuter-Release efforts at Columbus Humane for panleukopenia, FIV, toxoplasmosis, and highly pathogenic avian influenza, interpreting results alongside demographic data for epidemiologic trends with direct One Health relevance.



Hayley Benson — Class of 2028

Faculty mentor: Amanda Berrian

Project: "Unlocking One Health Jobs: A Text Mining Analysis to Identify Keywords and Market Trends"

Hayley's project involves using text mining and manual qualitative coding of available job postings to characterize the current U.S. One Health job market. Her results will directly support the development of a One Health Career Toolkit for veterinary students and recent graduates, including a searchable employer directory, a competency matrix for One Health positions, and research-based recommendations for job search and resume development.



5. Outreach and Education

5.1 Student information sessions

Date	Topic	Attendance
Sep 12, 2025	Global Engagement Program overview presented by Dr. Amanda Berrian	~20 VME 1–3 students
Sep 23, 2025	Travel award opportunities for VETPREV 6000 grad students presented by Drs. Amanda Berrian and Rebecca Garabed	9 CVM, 1 non-CVM
Nov 20, 2025	Madagascar opportunity (with Columbus Zoo); Ranomafana Ruffed Lemur Project presented by Dr. Randy Junge	~60 CVM students
Feb 12, 2026	Thailand opportunity and spring travel awards; trip recap by Dr. Inpanbutr and students	~150 CVM students

The November and February sessions were promoted in partnership with the International Veterinary Students Association (IVSA) and the Zoo, Wildlife, and Conservation Medicine Club.

5.2 Academic programming

Two for-credit elective courses are currently offered by CVM faculty to assist students with global engagement preparation:

- VETPREV 7760: Opportunities in Global Veterinary Medicine and Public Health – led by Dr. Wondwossen Gebreyes (*due to limited enrollment, the course was not offered in SP26*)
- VETBIOS 7802: International Veterinary Medicine Experience in Thailand – led by Dr. Nongnuch Inpanbutr

Additionally, to facilitate students' pre-departure preparation, particularly for international experiences that may require additional budget, cultural, and risk mitigation considerations, an asynchronous training course was developed and is now hosted on CarmenCanvas. Students can request enrollment in this not-for-credit training and, upon successful completion, use it to fulfill requirements for certain funded international experiences.

5.3 Communications

Two channels are primarily used to communicate program updates to students, the CVM community, current and potential donors, and other stakeholders. In FY26, our program website was maintained (including the addition of student feature pages), and the blog was updated regularly with trip summaries directly from the students.

- Program website: go.osu.edu/cvmglobal
- Blog: <https://u.osu.edu/cvmglobal/>

The impact of the Global Engagement Program in our students' own words:

"This experience was great for practicing the skills that I learned in school and expanding them to different areas. I got to practice clinical skills like giving IM injections to horses and completing my physical exams. I also got to experience the differences that are in Colorado compared to Ohio, like different diseases of importance, as we contacted the state veterinarian for a suspected case of vesicular stomatitis. This was interesting as I got to experience the order of events to contact a state veterinarian for reportable diseases and see how veterinary medicine goes beyond individual animals and more into a global health perspective." – Megan Hohman

"Overall, this externship broadened my perspective on production animal medicine and reinforced the importance of preventive herd health, reproductive efficiency, and effective communication. By improving animal health, supporting food production, and promoting collaboration across diverse communities, this experience strengthened my commitment to advancing global and population health through veterinary medicine." – Joyce Lopez Colon

"My experience in Tijuana, Mexico, was one of the most meaningful opportunities of my veterinary education. Beyond developing my clinical skills, I witnessed the resilience of a community that deeply values its animals despite having limited access to veterinary resources. Seeing families' gratitude and the immediate impact of our work reinforced why I chose this profession while integrating my passions for surgery, emergency, and shelter medicine." – Faith Alvarez-Moore

"I not only gained advanced and intimate surgical experience after completing 33 surgeries, but I was able to connect with the community through youth educational experiences, vaccination campaigns, and providing low-cost care for indigenous populations. Being able to build trust with the indigenous communities and care for their pets was one of the most impactful experiences for me and gave me ample insight into the care they have for their animals and way of life as the backbone of the local agricultural supplier of Ecuador's Andes hillside." – Amanda Rockefeller

"This experience highlighted the dedication of Good Samaritans who advocate for the stray animal population by consistently seeking veterinary care. Veterinarians emphasized their responsibility to educate clients on public health, nutrition, and preventive medicine. While more pet owners are seeking veterinary care in recent years, treatment is often pursued only in end-stage disease, and euthanasia is not widely accepted. Within these constraints, I witnessed veterinarians work tirelessly to advocate for animal health. While spectrum of care is a formal concept taught in the United States, I found it to be an inherent skill in India, where veterinarians must thoughtfully prioritize diagnosis, treatment, and prevention within a single visit." – Sahana Prabhu

6. Global Partnerships

6.1 Agreements

Two global partner agreements were established or renewed in FY26:

- American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)
 - Liaison: Dr. Armando Hoet
 - Focus areas: antimicrobial resistance surveillance in the food and agricultural sector
 - University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB)
 - Liaison: Dr. Amanda Berrian
 - Focus areas: veterinary education, curricular evaluation, Day 1 competencies
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Dr. Inpanbutr sharing Thailand experience with CVM students



Joyce Lopez-Colon, California



Amanda Rockefeller, Ecuador

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