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*Global Vets: Student Vets Sharing a Global Vision*

Global Vets is a program run through the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) which offers student veterinarians a unique opportunity to investigate animal health care in developing countries. The program strives to enhance working relationships and the exchange of ideas between Canadian veterinarians and their colleagues in developing regions of the world. Each year, students intensively research animal and public health as well as environmental issues that are occurring in developing countries. With the help of the OVC's International Veterinary Medicine Club and faculty advisors, the students create project proposals and plan their projects and itineraries to maximize their experiential learning. This involves securing contacts in the countries that they will be visiting, raising awareness for their project and doing all their fundraising. Upon return to Canada, participants are required to present their experiences to their sponsors and the University community, as well as become mentors to future program participants.

Many individuals, clubs, organizations and businesses have assisted the Global Vets program over these last 13 years. It is with their help that this program has achieved its goals and has continued to expand year after year.