Higher education is a powerful economic driver for the state of Oklahoma, with the potential for even greater impact. And higher education is a bargain in Oklahoma, ranking among the nation’s best in most affordability measures.

Amid much discussion nationally and locally about the cost and impact of higher education, including misinformation and misguided ideas, this document highlights the continuing success of the Oklahoma State University Center for Veterinary Health Sciences (CVHS) in providing great value at a great price.

**Affordability**

- OSU CVHS is ranked 4th lowest in-state and 8th lowest out-of-state cost of tuition and fees
- OSU CVHS awarded more than $632,000 in scholarships to help offset tuition debt
- OSU CVHS is known for graduating career ready veterinarians. The Shelter Medicine Program handles more than 3,500 spay/neuter surgeries annually providing hands-on experience for students

- OSU CVHS has a 98 percent pass rate on the NAVLE (North American Veterinary Licensing Examination)
- OSU CVHS graduates enjoy above average number of job offers upon graduation; national average is 2.1 offers/student; OSU CVHS average is 2.5 offers/student

**Annual OSU CVHS Costs**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2015-16</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuition</td>
<td>$119,281</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fees</td>
<td>$78,563</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>$193,449</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Enrollment Records**

- 88 Freshman, 2016 - 58 Residents, 30 Nonresidents

**DID YOU KNOW**

- NEARLY 15% of OSU CVHS students graduate with no debt?
- the average amount is $137,630, well below the national average of $144,394

**Growth**

- The CVHS includes the College of Veterinary Medicine, Boren Veterinary Medical Hospital (Hospital), and the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (OADDL)
- Centers of Excellence within the CVHS include the National Center for Veterinary Parasitology, Oklahoma Center for Respiratory and Infectious Diseases, Equine Research Park, Laboratory of Nanomedicine and Targeted Therapy, Comparative Exercise Physiology Laboratory, and the CVHS Ranch with its experts in breeding cattle and horses
- CVHS freshman enrollment remains robust with 800+ applicants for 88 seats
- The CVHS has partially offset decreased state funding with the increase of out-of-state student enrollment from 24 to 30 over the last two years
- Even with the increase of out-of-state students, qualified in-state students have the same number of spots in the CVHS program

**Average Student Debt**

- Nearly 15% of OSU CVHS students graduate with no debt?
- the average amount is $137,630, well below the national average of $144,394

**NATIONAL AVERAGE OF IN-STATE TUITION COSTS**

- $119,281

**OSU CVHS IN-STATE TUITION COSTS**

- $78,563

**NATIONAL AVERAGE OF OUT-OF-STATE TUITION COSTS**

- $193,449

**OSU CVHS OUT-OF-STATE TUITION COSTS**

- $171,530
OSU CVHS has remained diligent in managing and reducing costs, while continuing to offer great value.

Despite a 10 percent growth in students in the past two years, growth in employees has declined by 18 percent. In 2014, OSU CVHS had 323 employees. In 2016, there are 265 employees.

OSU CVHS energy management program has been a model for the university; the behavioral-based program has realized cost avoidance of $4,320,679 since January 2007.

OSU CVHS has graduated 3,842 veterinarians and is one of only 30 veterinary colleges in the U.S.

Of the 2,049 licensed veterinarians in Oklahoma, 1,461 or 71 percent are OSU veterinary alumni.

OSU CVHS has 265 employees with payroll expenditures of $17,747,889. The total economic impact of the CVHS in Oklahoma is $45.5 million compared to the state appropriation of $8.84 million. The leveraging factor is 5.1 to 1.

State appropriations dropped 16 percent for FY 17 to $8,842,676 with a total revenue budget of $29,552,510. State appropriated funds are only 29.9 percent of total operating revenue. The remaining 70.1 percent is from self-generated revenue.

Hospital expenditures for FY 16 were $7,402,076. Hospital income was $5,704,541. The balance was covered from state appropriations, gifts and endowments. Less than 23 percent of the Hospital budget is state appropriated funds, yet its primary mission is training tomorrow’s veterinarians and helping to identify zoonotic and emerging infectious diseases.

OSU CVH fundraising has resulted in $3.4 million in donations, up from $3.3 million in 2015. In addition, the number of donors, the number of gifts and the number of grateful clients continue to rise.

OADDL is the only veterinary diagnostic lab in Oklahoma. It provides diagnostic services to veterinary practitioners and animal owners in Oklahoma, the region and the nation. Last year OADDL’s income was $1,380,061 with total expenditures of $3,331,737. Less than 46 percent of OADDL’s budget is state appropriated funds, yet it plays a vital role in Homeland Security efforts and in identifying zoonotic and emerging infectious diseases.

---

**Licensed Veterinarians in Oklahoma vs. OSU Veterinary Alumni**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Oklahoma</th>
<th>OSU Veterinary Alumni</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2,049 Oklahoma veterans</td>
<td></td>
<td>1,461</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OKLAHOMA VETERINARIANS</td>
<td></td>
<td>OSU VETERINARY ALUMNI</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**AVMA 2016 Graduating Senior Survey**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Employment Area</th>
<th>National</th>
<th>OSU CVHS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Food animal/Mixed practice</td>
<td>19.3%</td>
<td>22.8%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Companion animal practice</td>
<td>40.8%</td>
<td>45.4%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Equine practice</td>
<td>2.1%</td>
<td>0%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Private practice</td>
<td>62.2%</td>
<td>68.2%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**OSU System-wide Budget**

- **State Appropriations**
- **Tuition & Fees**

![Graph showing OSU System-wide Budget](image-url)