

Global Initiatives in Veterinary Education (GIVE)

University of Tennessee, College of Veterinary Medicine and China Agricultural University, College of Veterinary Medicine

The University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine (UT-CVM) at Knoxville, TN, USA, and their companion college, the China Agricultural University College of Veterinary Medicine (CAU-CVM) in Beijing, China, are undertaking a partnership to improve both schools through a cooperative exchange program involving faculty, staff, and students.



The UT-CVM project coordinator is Dr. Hwa-Chain Robert Wang (hcrwang@utk.edu). He and Dr. Sharon Thompson (srthompson@utk.edu) are on the AAVMC International Affairs Committee. At least three other veterinary faculty members will cooperate in various phases of the project. The Dean of the UT-CVM is Dr. Michael J. Blackwell (mblackw1@cvm.utk.edu). The College phone number is 865-974-8387.

The UT-CVM has collaborated with scholars at CAU-CVM for several years and the two institutions signed a cooperative agreement in 2005. A formal agreement between UT-CVM and CAU-CVM has been reached on an international multi-task cooperative and exchange program for educational, research and cultural activities. This agreement has been approved by Dean Blackwell and signed by the UT Vice-President and Treasure, Dr. Charles M. Peccolo. It has also been signed by the Dean of CAU-CVM, Dr. Ming Wang

CAU-CVM has a five-year curriculum, is among the 14 colleges that meet China's veterinary accreditation standards, and offers training in both basic and clinical sciences.

Current program components include:

- Cultural sensitivity and understanding will be enhanced by delegates from UT-CVM traveling to China and similar groups from CAU-CVM coming to USA annually.
- Laboratory training to enhance graduate student, postdoctoral trainee, and faculty research capability at both institutions is planned. Each year, one CAU-CVM investigator will spend six-months at UT-CVM research or diagnostic facilities. One UTK-CVM investigator will have a six-month study at CAU-CVM for research on internationally important diseases. This program will orient both colleges in international cooperation.
- An Alternative Medicine Exchange Program will enhance the capability of UT-CVM clinical faculty to integrate acupuncture and alternative medical procedures into animal care in USA. It will also bring state-of-art clinical medicine from USA to China. A UT-CVM faculty member will learn acupuncture and alternative medicine at CAU-CVM, and train CAU-CVM clinicians in US animal care methods.

- A Companion Animal Nutrition and Diet Promotion Program will enhance the capability of clinical faculty members at CAU-CVM to integrate nutrition technologies into companion animal health and promote the use of formulated animal diets in China. A four-week course will be provided by UT faculty members to faculty, students and veterinarians in China each year.

If you wish further information about the UTK-CAU, CVM GIVE partnership, please contact Dr. Wang.

If you seek further information about the AAVMC GIVE Program, please contact Dr. Mike Chaddock (mchaddock@aavmc.org).