



**College of
Veterinary Medicine**

The Campaign for
TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY
SOLVING THE WORLD'S MOST COMPLEX PROBLEMS

A Bright Future, Illuminated by a Distinguished Past and Present

VETERINARY MEDICINE GOES WELL BEYOND ANIMAL CARE. It is a critical part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's One Health approach that has a goal of achieving optimal health outcomes by recognizing the interconnection between people, animals, plants, and their shared environment. Veterinary medicine spans food safety, vaccine development, disease mitigation, antimicrobial resistance, environmental health, and combating devastating invasive pests. Alarming, there is a critical shortage of veterinarians, with up to 55,000 newly licensed U.S. veterinarians needed by 2030.

Tuskegee University's College of Veterinary Medicine stands ready to answer the call.

As the only accredited College of Veterinary Medicine at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), we educate veterinarians whose service extends from farmers in rural areas to pet owners in the neighborhoods of Beverly Hills to research labs and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

With your support, we can contribute more of the expertise the world needs now.

Here's How *You* Can Partner With *Us*



CAMPAIGN FUNDING PRIORITIES

The College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) was founded in 1945 by visionary leader Dr. Frederick D. Patterson to train Blacks and other minorities in veterinary medicine during the period of segregation. Our graduates have long served the community, including rural farmers struggling to provide health care to the animals that were their livelihood. Today, the college has adopted the One Health approach that guides global health care policies and recognizes the connection between human and animal health.

Meeting the new challenges of our complex, interconnected world requires vision, leadership, and philanthropic investment.

Pillar 1: Academic Excellence and Workforce Preparation

Expand Clinical and Specialist Faculty | Goal \$2.5 million

Educating veterinarians and public health professionals requires a wide range of highly trained faculty and clinical specialists adept in teaching and research. In addition, recent pandemics, including COVID-19, have shed new light on the risks of zoonotic diseases and further highlights the importance of veterinary professionals in protecting public health.

To be at the forefront of new developments in veterinary medicine and attract these highly skilled faculty and specialists, CVM seeks gifts to **expand the clinical faculty with endowed chairs in cardiology, neurology, and public health.**

This will help our university earn the prestigious Carnegie Foundation R2 designation that signifies a deep commitment to research spending and training of doctoral students.

Pillar 2: Campus Re-envisioning and Revitalization

Teaching Hospital & Preclinical Building | Goal \$96.2 million

Although the care provided at CVM's current teaching hospital is excellent, the facility can no longer fully support our teaching, research, and service needs. The most cost-effective and sustainable solution is to build a **new Preclinical Instruction Building and Veterinary Teaching Hospital with a 24-hour Emergency Wing and Specialty Center** equipped with **Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and other advanced diagnostic equipment.** This legacy investment will yield long-term returns in the education, hands-on training, research, and animal care needs of our region and beyond.

The world *needs* the Tuskegee University *College of Veterinary Medicine*

Pillar 3: Community

Technology for Outreach and Education | Goal \$12.8 million

Tuskegee University's strong sense of community has helped CVM become a trusted, responsive health care provider in our region. But we want to do more. With philanthropy, we can expand our reach deeper into rural areas with the aid of **artificial intelligence and telemedicine tools**. Technology will help us provide outreach and care to those who need it—rather than just to those who have the resources and ability to travel to our facilities.

Pillar 4: Sustainability

Endowment for Scholarships and Operational Support | Goal \$15.5 million

Our founding principal, Booker T. Washington, once observed that “Excellence is to do a common thing in an uncommon way.” Our education is far from common, and it delivers excellence at every level.

Inevitably, excellence comes with a cost, and veterinary students are bearing too much of the burden. Our students graduate with an average debt of \$265,000—significantly higher than the national average, and a direct result of the socioeconomic background of many of our students, who have ambition and talent but little or no family financial support. Each year, aspiring veterinarians make the difficult decision to pursue another field because they can't afford the training.

A student scholarship endowment will provide financial relief with competitive scholarships and stipends. Philanthropic gifts will have an immediate and lasting impact on our students and the veterinary profession.

In addition, gifts to the **operational endowment** will provide much-needed flexibility, allowing our leadership to **fund unexpected priorities**, including **innovative approaches to recruitment and retention, wellness tools, and other initiatives** to help students manage the emotional, financial, and clinical demands that come with the health care profession.



COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE...IN THE NEWS AND IN THE WORLD

OF OVER 127,000 VETERINARIANS IN THE U.S., 2% ARE BLACK. Of these, 70% graduated from Tuskegee University

CVM ALUMNI HAVE SERVED AS THE FIRST BLACK VETERINARY DEANS of accredited schools

IN 2025, DR. MICHAEL Q. BAILEY, DVM, DACVR '82 became the American Veterinary Medical Association's first Black president

DR. TREYTON DIGGS, DVM '07, WAS THE FIRST BLACK VETERINARIAN to win the coveted Veterinarian of the Year Award from the Westminster Kennel Club

CVM ALUMNI APPEAR ON TELEVISION SHOWS such as “Animal Planet,” “Vet Life,” and “Critter Fixers”



ADVANCING VETERINARY MEDICINE AND HUMAN HEALTH

Since 1945, the College of Veterinary Medicine has thrived, thanks to the intentional and impactful support of our legislators, industry collaborators, alumni, and donors. We are eager to build on our illustrious roots while advancing our teaching, research, and outreach in an effort to solve the world's most complex problems.

Our students, faculty, staff, and alumni are engaged as leaders and pioneers in veterinary medicine and public health. We hope you'll join us as we prepare to contribute to a healthier future for all animals, humans, and the environment.

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Honoring our Past...Investing in Our Future

#theTuskegeeWay

The world needs Tuskegee. Tuskegee needs you.

Help us solve the world's most complex problems by supporting **The Campaign for Tuskegee University**. Every gift will make an impact:

- Advancing knowledge, leadership, and service through teaching, research, and outreach programs
- Developing human resources and preparing students to be leaders in the global community
- Producing leaders ready to solve the world's most complex problems

Invest in a brighter world and a better future with Mother Tuskegee.



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