

VetNEST – Veterinary Network of European Student and Staff Transfer – is a network of multiple universities and faculties of veterinary medicine in **Brno, Budapest, Košice, Vienna, Ljubljana, Sarajevo, Skopje, Wrocław and Zagreb.**

Together with the faculties of veterinary medicine in **Belgrade, Priština and Tirana**, they form the *VetNEST-Extended network*, whose mobility activities have been funded by **CEEPUS (Central European Exchange Program for University Studies)** for many years.

TOPICS

DOG BEHAVIOUR
TRAINING METHODS
ANIMAL WELFARE
ETHICS

FEATURES

PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS
FULL-DAY EXCURSION
SOCIAL EVENTS
NO COURSE FEES

SCHOLARSHIP

Eligible students from VetNEST-Extended partner institutions will be granted a **CEEPUS scholarship** (650,00 EUR to cover travel and accommodation costs)

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Summer School 2026

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Assistance Dogs – The unknown species (for vets)



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This Summer School invites veterinary students from all VetNEST-Extended partner universities to explore the **science, practice, and ethics of working dogs**. Co-organized by the University of Ljubljana and the University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna, this intensive program blends **lectures and hands-on workshops** on behaviour, cognition, and evidence-based training.

Learn from qualified trainers and experts, apply the **Five Domains Model (Mellor)** to lifetime welfare, and understand the high health standards required for assistance dogs. Topics span guide, service, and signal dogs, plus communication with people with disabilities. A full-day visit to the AnimalTrainingCenter completes this learning experience.



Teaching will take place at the **Vetmeduni campus in Vienna**, with accommodation provided in a nearby student dormitory. Participants are responsible for arranging their own travel.



Duration of Summer school: **06.09.2026 – 10.09.2026**
Application deadline: **15.06.2026**

To apply, please contact the International Office at your home university to get further information on the application process.

Places are limited – apply soon for this exciting summer school!

Successful participants will receive **1.5 ECTS credits**.

We look forward to welcoming you in Vienna!



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