# **Presentation from Cummings school of Vet Med, Tufts University, MA.**

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70% of their students are form out of state, international students considered out of state. Very different environment from other vet schools – separate campus, 50 mins outside Boston, small picturesque New England. Campus of 400 students so small university feel. Good fit if looking for something similar to LU.

Suggest working with people who are vets, who are researchers to determine whether you want to go to vet school.

Cummings offers a few masters as well that might be of interest. Can take these masters alone or in combination with DVM.

1. Animals and Public Policy – focus on human-animal interactions, people who get these masters might work in zoos, on IACUCs. This masters not often combined with DVM.
2. Masters in conservation medicine – commonly combined with DVM. 1 yr program.
3. Infectious disease and global health programs – least inherently veterinary regarding material and students from wide variety of interests. Some students use this masters as prep for MD or DVM or PhD.

2 other masters that you can do but finish within 4 years of DVM = MPH and Lab Animal Medicine

Last year 1000 applicants, 400 interviewed, 100 in class, offered places to ~250 students. It is NOT true that it is harder to get into vet school than med school. For every 2 students applying to vet school, 1 gets in.

Getting in – holistic process/holistic view of applicant, GPA matters, they look at story behind grades, e.g., higher last 2 years than in 1st 2 years, judge you based on probability that you will be successful in vet school. This is a non-track vet school, get to explore all parts of vet med.

Can reach out to him ford.barnet@tufts.edu March-September. Can reach out at any point during 4 years of UG, can be to get advice for preparation, have him look over your essay when applying