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**Postgraduate Distance Learning Scholarships:
MSc in Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health**

Applications are invited for ten Postgraduate Scholarships in MSc Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health by distance learning.

The scholarships are available, for the first time, to nationals of Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia, with the deadline for application on Monday 28 May 2012. Applicants must also be living and working in these countries.

Funded by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, academic direction is provided by the Royal Veterinary College (RVC), a constituent College of the University of London. The RVC is partnered by the Southern African Centre for Infectious Disease Surveillance (SACIDS), in the delivery of this programme.

The MSc is being offered via distance learning. However, the programme is supported by a wealth of online resources and support, in addition to annual residential teaching workshops.

Dr. Christine Thurania-McKeever, Distance Learning Director at the RVC said: "These scholarships are a great opportunity for veterinary and other animal health specialists to benefit from postgraduate training in veterinary epidemiology and public health; these subject areas are essential when addressing issues such as disease surveillance, zoonotic diseases and trade and market access for animal products."

She added: "The scholarships will offer a unique opportunity for animal health specialists to further develop their knowledge and skills, which will ultimately enhance the veterinary capacity of their countries, and more widely, the Southern African region."

Entry Criteria:

To study the MSc, students must have either a second class honours degree or the equivalent, in a scientific subject, veterinary medicine, animal science, agriculture, zoological sciences or medicine, or a second class honours degree, or the equivalent, in a scientific discipline, which has, in the opinion of the University, included suitable training.

For full details and to apply, please visit the following website:

<http://www.rvc.ac.uk/Postgraduate/Distance/Index.cfm>

Deadline for application: 28 May 2012

Studies commence: January 2013

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- To find out more about the Royal Veterinary College, visit our website: <http://www.rvc.ac.uk/About/Index.cfm>.