

2026 MU VRSP mentor profile form

Mentor	Rachel Oman
Departmental bio web page.	
Other relevant web pages, as applicable. E.g., lab group/personal web page, Google Scholar/ORCID profiles, others	
Research interests.	Clinical retrospectives, urolithiasis
Active projects.	Multi-institution camelid blood transfusion retrospective
Research team. E.g., graduate students, post docs, technicians, other scholars	Currently collaborating with faculty (E. Reppert) and resident (C. Mullins) at Kansas State University
About you... Education/training Personal information, as interested—e.g., hobbies, etc.	Graduate of Colorado State (DVM) and Oklahoma State (MS), completed large animal internal medicine training at OSU and enjoy collaborative research focusing on clinically applicable questions. Areas of interest include obstructive urolithiasis and bovine lameness I like to run with my pointer, garden with my chickens, and travel when I get the chance.
Mentor Profile	
I am available to mentor students in career and life decisions, even if they do not choose research.	
Very Untrue 1 --- 2 --- 3 --- 4 --- 5 Very True	
My students are/can be involved in the creation/development of their projects.	
Very Untrue 1 --- 2 --- 3 --- 4 --- 5 Very True	
I expect students to contribute to manuscripts/publications.	
Very Untrue 1 --- 2 --- 3 --- 4 --- 5 Very True	
Students have the option to continue to work on this project.	
Very Untrue 1 --- 2 --- 3 --- 4 --- 5 Very True	
My students often work closely with a research team, e.g., lab tech or other students.	
Very Untrue 1 --- 2 --- 3 --- 4 --- 5 Very True	
I frequently touch base with my research team—e.g., students, technicians, etc.	
Very Untrue 1 --- 2 --- 3 --- 4 --- 5 Very True	
My mentoring style is very hands off.	
Very Untrue 1 --- 2 --- 3 --- 4 --- 5 Very True	
Current/active project profile & timeline, including clinical vs. basic science.	Finishing a clinical case retrospective where I served as a mentor to a food animal medicine

	resident and manuscript co-author
Lab structure, if applicable.	N/A
What does a typical day of research look like for VRSP scholars?	Flexible – thinking, reading journal articles, collecting data from medical records, writing, discussing findings and ideas, etc.
What does engagement look like for your lab/project?	Developing answerable questions, completing thorough medical records searches to collect applicable data, analyzing the data to highlight new/clinically relevant information