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If you are interested in becoming a National Broad Spectrum VSA Board Member, please email us at broadspectrumoutreach@gmail.com

We thank you for your interest and hope you will help us to create an inclusive academic veterinary community where sharing experiences and educational opportunities inspires community engagement and equality so that LGBT+ people and allies are able to contribute to and thrive within a diverse veterinary profession.

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The National LGBTQ+ Organization for
Veterinary Students and Allies

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Vision

National Broad Spectrum envisions an inclusive academic veterinary community where sharing experiences and educational opportunities inspires community engagement and equality so that LGBTQ+* people and allies are able to contribute to and thrive within a diverse veterinary profession.

**LGBTQ+ will be used as an inclusive acronym for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, Questioning, Asexual and others who self-identify on the sexual orientation and/or gender expression continuum.*

Mission

Broad Spectrum Veterinary Student Association serves to connect, support, and empower LGBTQ+ people and allies within the academic veterinary community through:

- Fostering and understanding of what it means to be an LGBTQ+ person within the veterinary profession
- Educating veterinary students on the importance of and contributions made by the LGBTQ+ minority within the veterinary profession
- Encouraging healthy, supportive relationships between LGBTQ+ people and allies, including pre-veterinary and veterinary students, interns, residents, faculty, staff, and administrators
- Advocating for the respect, equality, and equity of seen and unseen LGBTQ+ members
- Contributing to the development of safe and welcoming veterinary academic environments for all students, especially LGBTQ+ veterinary students

by providing resources, educational opportunities, and support to student leadership in veterinary schools that wish to start up LGBTQ+-oriented organizations or to LGBTQ+-oriented student organizations that have already been established, as well as helping to facilitate the transition from veterinary school to a career in the veterinary profession through education, outreach, and providing networking opportunities.

Starting a New Chapter

We encourage all veterinary students whose schools are without a LGBTQ+ or diversity club support structure to come under our umbrella and start a new chapter. Below are the requirements to start a new Broad Spectrum VSA Chapter:

- Adopt the mission and vision statements of Broad Spectrum VSA
- Adopt the organization's name as a chapter of Broad Spectrum VSA
- Have an official faculty advisor on campus
- Set up a bank account for the chapter (cannot be a personal bank account)
- Register as an official group on campus or through SCAVMA
- Have an Executive Board consisting of at least 3 members
- Must have at least 2 lecture/lunch events per year, along with an outreach event at school or in the community that addresses LGBTQ+ issues
- Report to the National Broad Spectrum VSA after each event with photos and a small blurb to submit to our sponsors/donors
- Submit an Expenditure Report for each event

Adopting the Mission and Vision of Broad Spectrum VSA as a Part of Your LGBTQ or VOICE Organization

We realize that many veterinary schools already have a LGBTQ+ or diversity club in place. Therefore, many of the requirements to becoming a chapter may already be met by your current LGBTQ+ or diversity club. If your veterinary school has an existing LGBTQ+ or diversity club, we ask that the following requirements be met to be considered a Broad Spectrum VSA Chapter:

- Adopt the mission and vision statements of Broad Spectrum VSA
- Have an official faculty advisor on campus for your existing club
- Have a bank account for the existing club (cannot be a personal bank account)
- Must have at least 2 lecture/lunch events per year, along with an outreach event at school or in the community that addresses LGBTQ+ issues
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Once your organization meets the requirements and has been approved by the National Broad Spectrum VSA Board, then your Broad Spectrum chapter will receive a stipend for the year sponsored by a generous Merial grant.

