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## Food Animal Medicine Postdoctoral Fellow Becomes ACVIM Diplomate

Pamela Adkins, DVM, MS, recently became a diplomate of the [American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine](#) in the specialty of large animal internal medicine. Adkins is a postdoctoral fellow in food animal medicine and surgery at the MU College of Veterinary Medicine.

ACVIM is the international certifying organization for veterinary specialists in cardiology, large animal internal medicine, neurology, oncology and small animal internal medicine. To become a diplomate, specialists must complete an internship and residency in their field following veterinary school. This takes an additional three to five years of training, after which they must pass rigorous examinations to become board-certified.

Adkins completed her veterinary studies at The Ohio State University, where she also received a master's degree in veterinary preventive medicine. After an internship at Ohio State, she came to MU in 2011 to complete a food animal medicine and surgery residency and pursue a doctorate in pathobiology.

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