

KHULA INVITES
ALL FINAL YEAR STUDENTS
TO APPLY FOR

KHULA OUTREACH 2027

A 7-day sponsored student elective week
Cape Town

36 PLACES

3 groups

12 vet students / group

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Khula is a bespoke veterinary training company founded by Drs. Michelle Markram and Charlotte Philip, dedicated to supporting veterinary professionals through every stage of their career. Recognising that veterinary science is both deeply rewarding and immensely challenging — with rising stressors, elevated suicide rates, and many young vets leaving private practice — Khula was established to provide mentorship, guidance, and practical training during the crucial early years. Over time, this support has expanded to include veterinary nurses, animal health technicians, kennel staff, and receptionists, with tailor-made courses designed to meet the needs of both individuals and practices. Our aim is simple: to build and nurture well-rounded veterinary teams that thrive in their work and find lasting fulfilment in this unique profession.

WHAT IS KHULA OUTREACH?

Khula Outreach is a sponsored elective programme for final-year Onderstepoort Veterinary students, bringing together clinical learning and meaningful community engagement. Hosted in Cape Town's beautiful seaside suburb of Bloubergstrand, the week-long elective immerses students in hands-on experiences guided by a dedicated team of veterinarians and veterinary nurses. Participants gain valuable exposure to welfare initiatives and rabies management while developing practical skills and professional confidence. Supported by our industry partners, MSD Animal Health and Hill's Pet Nutrition, Khula Outreach aims to inspire the next generation of South African veterinarians to lead with compassion, champion community empowerment, and drive progress in rabies control and animal health.

OUR SPONSORS

This initiative would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors, MSD Animal Health and Hill's Pet Nutrition. Their commitment to supporting veterinarians — from their time as students through every stage of their careers — makes it possible for Khula Outreach to offer this sponsored elective, giving students the opportunity to learn, grow, and make a lasting impact on animal health and community wellbeing.



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ELECTIVE GOALS

Khula Outreach prepares final-year veterinary students for every aspect of their future careers through a programme that combines clinical exposure, surgical experience, industry insights, welfare work, and soft skills training. Each activity is designed to build confidence, broaden perspective, and equip students with the skills to thrive during their Community Service Year and beyond.

Clinical practice

Students will spend a day at the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. Here they will observe consultations, diagnostic work-ups and an array of surgical procedures.

Surgical experience

Each student has the unique opportunity to perform a castration under the direct supervision of a veterinarian at Bergzicht Animal Hospital - Big Bay. Khula Outreach partners with local welfare organisations to sterilise and vaccinate pets from underprivileged communities.

The veterinary industry

There are exciting opportunities to diversify into this part of our profession and Khula provides insights into the capabilities and skills one needs to build in order to do so. Students will have the unique experience of engaging with multiple vets and vet nurses from the pharmaceutical and nutrition sectors.

Welfare and community engagement

We will focus on the welfare aspect of our profession through exposure during the Saturday Vaccination Drive.

Soft skills coaching

Students attend an interactive workshop with veterinary coach Desire Rees, focusing on soft skills and practical tools for their Community Service Year. Topics include mental health, healthy habits, and resilience — equipping future vets to thrive personally and professionally.



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Day 1 MONDAY

TRAVEL TO BLOUBERGSTRAND,
CAPE TOWN



Arrive at
sponsored
accommodation



Vouchers to purchase
food and supplies for the
week



Briefing on the
week ahead



Day 2 TUESDAY

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE SPCA



Observe
consultations



Diagnostic
work-ups &
case discussion

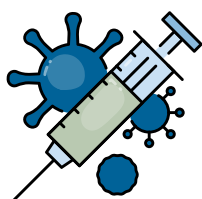


Exposure to
surgical
procedures



Day 3 WEDNESDAY

MSD ANIMAL HEALTH - TRAINING



Vaccination
Protocols &
Immunology



Product Training &
Technical support



Insights into the
pharmaceutical
veterinary industry



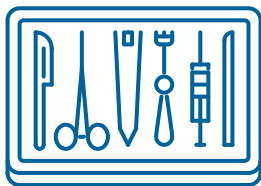
Day 4 THURSDAY

SURGICAL EXPERIENCE
BERGZICHT ANIMAL HOSPITAL - BIG BAY

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Premedication,
induction &
surgical site
preparation



Welfare castrations
under the guidance of
Khula Veterinarians



Anaesthetic
monitoring &
patient recovery



Day 5 FRIDAY

HILL'S PET NUTRITION - TRAINING



Soft skills training
with veterinary coach
Des Rees



Prepping for your
CCS year



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Hill's Pet Nutrition
Training



Day 6 SATURDAY

VACCINATION DRIVE



Community
engagement



Vaccinations &
primary health care



Pet owner
education



Day 7 SUNDAY

CHECK OUT & TRAVEL HOME



Check out



Travel home



Email completed
elective forms

LET'S TALK COSTS

- All costs are covered for this student elective week **excluding** your transport to and from the student accommodation.
- Student accommodation is situated in Bloubergstrand, Cape Town

“We're driving down from Onderstepoort”

- Should you be driving down in your own vehicle: your petrol and tolls to and from the student accommodation will be at your own expense.
- Should you wish to make use of your vehicle during the week, you will receive a petrol allowance for transport during the week for Khula-related activities.

“We're flying to Cape Town OR arriving via bus”

- Should you be arriving via bus or flying in to Cape Town, your transport to and from the accommodation will be at your own expense.
- Transport during the rest of the week will be arranged at Khula's expense for Khula-related activities.
- Don't hesitate to be in contact should you need advice with regards to transport logistics.



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2027 DATES

Dates for the 2027 Khula Outreach student elective programme are still being finalised. Once confirmed, they will be communicated directly to the OP final year class of 2027.

We aim to have the application process open before your next Vetbox booking window.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- A link to the application form will be shared with the OP final year class of 2027 once applications open.
- One entry per student — multiple submissions will not increase your chances.
- No applications will be accepted via WhatsApp, email, or phone.
- Selection is via lucky draw, to keep the process fair for all applicants.
- 36 students will be chosen, plus additional names for the waiting list.
- Successful candidates will be informed directly once the draw has taken place.
- Students will be assigned to groups, with best efforts made to accommodate preferences.

For any questions, contact us at info@khulavet.co.za.

APPLICATION DETAILS COMING SOON!



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