Supplementary Information for

Articulation pathway attaching Bachelor of Science at HKU to Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at University of Melbourne

1. Introduction
   ● An articulation pathway attaching 6901 BSc Programme at HKU Science to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) at University of Melbourne (UoMelb) in Australia for students in the following Majors:
     ■ Biochemistry
     ■ Biological Sciences
     ■ Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (intensive major excluded)
     ■ Ecology & Biodiversity (intensive major excluded)
     ■ Food & Nutritional Science
   ● Selected students can study in DVM at UoMelb after studying for at least 6 semesters and gaining at least 186 credits under the 6901 BSc programme.
   ● Credits obtained during the 1st year of study in DVM can be transferred, subject to relevant HKU regulations, for the purpose of fulfilling the credit requirements of the BSc programme
   ● Students can obtain the HKU BSc degree after transferring the remaining credits from the 1st year in DVM, and obtain the DVM in UoMelb in no less than 7 years.

2. Rankings
   ● UoMelb ranks 32nd and 39th in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019 and QS World University Rankings 2019 respectively
   ● The DVM also ranks 15th in Veterinary Science of QS World University Rankings 2018

3. Unique features of the DVM programme
   ● Australia’s first graduate-entry, professional veterinary science qualification
   ● Embraces a strong foundation in veterinary science, the latest clinical technologies and evidenced-based practices, and draws on the wealth of experience from the academics of UoMelb
   ● Recognises the pivotal role of animals in society, and prepares students to become leaders in management, welfare and care of animals in diverse settings
   ● Prepares students best for their chosen career path, by concentrating their studies on a particular area of clinical interest and gaining complementary industry-ready skills and knowledge through the Track Programme

4. Accreditations/ recognition
   ● The DVM programme is internationally accredited, allowing graduates to find employment as a practising veterinarian in many countries, without further training
   ● The DVM is accredited by:
     ■ Australasian Veterinary Boards Council Inc (Australia)
     ■ American Veterinary Medical Association (USA)
     ■ Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (UK)
   ● Degree holders are also qualified to register as veterinary surgeons and practise in HK through Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong
5. **Eligibility and selection of students**
   - Application will be invited from 3rd year students in 6901 BSc
   - Interview will be conducted to assess the applicants’ potential and suitability for the programme
   - Selected students should achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.45 at the last regular semester at HKU for entry into the DVM programme

6. **Quota**
   - A maximum of 5 places will be offered annually

7. **Composition fees**
   - Students will pay study abroad tuition fee (rate in 2019 for reference: AUD 46,644) to UoMelb for the 1st year of the DVM. Part of the tuition fee for this year may be subsidized by HKU.
   - For the subsequent three years in the DVM, students will pay international student tuition fees (rate in 2019 for reference: AUD 68,736 per year) to UoMelb

8. **Useful links**
   - Articulation pathway attaching 6901 BSc at HKU to DVM at UoMelb: [https://www.scifac.hku.hk/ug/prospective-student/6901/articulation-pathways](https://www.scifac.hku.hk/ug/prospective-student/6901/articulation-pathways)
   - Detailed information of the DVM programme at UoMelb can be found at [http://fvas.unimelb.edu.au/study/courses/doctor-of-veterinary-medicine/overview](http://fvas.unimelb.edu.au/study/courses/doctor-of-veterinary-medicine/overview)