

# The Inspira Advantage’s Cheat Sheet to Vet School Selection

Building your vet school list is one of the most exciting parts of the process. But how do you ensure your list is tailored and balanced? We’ll discuss school selection factors you should consider and more below!

## School Selection Factors: What to Consider

These are some common school selection factors you can evaluate:

Selection Factor	Description
School Type	Do you want to attend a public vet school (with often larger campuses) or a private vet school option (with typically smaller campuses and student bodies)?
GPA and Test Scores	Evaluate your GPA and test scores to ensure you meet the minimum requirements outlined by schools; your list should include safety, target, and reach schools based on your academic standing.
Potential Specializations	Explore your interests in vet specializations if you have them, such as oncology, reptile and amphibian, beef cattle, and others—research schools that offer relevant electives or opportunities in your desired specializations.
Location	Do you want to stay in-state? Are you okay with relocating across the country? It’s crucial to note that vet schools typically offer lower tuition rates and have higher acceptance rates for in-state students.
Budget	Identify your budget constraints, potential financial aid, and scholarships before applying to schools. As stated, in-state schools tend to cost less.
Curriculum	Do you prefer lecture or interactive group work? Are you interested in problem-based learning? Is having access to cutting-edge technology in the classrooms important to you?
Campus/Cultural Offerings	Are you looking for schools with renowned networking opportunities? What leadership, communication, and internship opportunities are available at the schools you’re looking at? Assess if specific cultural or campus elements are important to you, such as clubs, organizations, or religious affiliations.
Rankings	While rankings should never be your main reason for choosing schools, some applicants consider them while making choices.



### How to Ensure Your Vet School List Is Balanced

Vet school acceptance rates are generally low, but it's still important to ensure your school list is balanced. Looking at your GPA and test scores, you can organize schools on your list into the following categories:

- **Safety schools:** Schools where you're most likely to be admitted based on your stats (your stats are higher than that of the average admitted student)
- **Target schools:** Schools where you're somewhat likely to be admitted based on your stats (your stats are comparable to those of admitted students)
- **Reach schools:** Schools with low acceptance rates, such as Ivy League schools, or schools where your stats are lower than that of the average admitted student



### Create the Ultimate School List With Inspira Advantage

At Inspira Advantage, we're here to help make building the ultimate vet school list easier. Our expert admissions counselors take the time to learn more about you, your preferences, needs, and aspirations to ensure your school list is tailored and balanced to give you the best shot at acceptance.

[Book a free consultation](#) with us today to learn how to create a balanced school list!

