Application Process:

The application process requires:
- A completed application form
- Copies of all college transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation

International students are welcome to apply but should contact the KEMI office before applying to the program.

The application form is available online or by contacting our office toll-free: 1-877-644-KEMI.

Minimum Admission Requirements:
- A cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.0 or better
- Previous experience in the horse industry
- A strong work ethic, dependability and personal character

Application Deadlines:
- For Spring Sessions – October 31st
- For Fall Sessions – April 30th

Schedule of Fees (effective Fall 2014):
- $35 Application Fee (due with application)
- $465 Tuition Deposit (due at time of acceptance into program)
- $2000 Tuition (due after first week of program)

Program Total: $2500

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Program Information
**Spring Session**  
(January-June)

The Spring KEMI session provides students with an overview of the intensive management practices used on commercial thoroughbred breeding operations. On a day-to-day basis, most students will be involved in the care of pregnant and foaling mares.

Some farms may require students to participate in “foal watch” rotations and/or to help with neonatal care during evenings and nights.

As students become more experienced they may be expected to take mares to breeding sheds, assist with veterinary care or perform some record keeping. There are some farms that provide opportunities for students to gain experience with stallions.

**Fall Session**  
(July-December)

During the Fall session most students will be placed with farms that prepare horses for commercial auctions. There are major thoroughbred sales almost monthly beginning in July. Students gain experience in the techniques for preparing yearlings, weanlings and broodmares for sale and have the opportunity to learn about the factors that affect the value of an individual horse including pedigree, conformation and soundness. Students working for farms with sales horses should expect to work extended hours during the sale.

A few host sites offer opportunities to work with horses under saddle; however, these opportunities are limited and students must meet strict criteria for riding ability and height/weight restrictions.

The Kentucky Equine Management Internship (KEMI) program is a 22 week internship that was established to improve the opportunities for college students wishing to pursue a career in the field of equine management.

KEMI opens the door to the Thoroughbred industry for highly motivated students with a strong work ethic and sincere interest in horses. Students develop broad-based skills through on-farm experience and weekly lectures and laboratories that enhance the integration of material learned in college courses with management techniques.

Together, the employment and classroom components increase the potential for successful employment following completion of the course.

During the first week of the course, students participate in Orientation activities as a group. After the first week, students are employed full-time by participating farms where they become familiar with the day-to-day management of horses on commercial thoroughbred farms.

On area farms, a typical full-time work week is 48 hours per week with one day off. In most cases, students work hands-on with horses, however some farms may also assign responsibilities associated with record keeping, veterinary care or farm maintenance.
We are in the process of updating the Kentucky Equine Management Internship (KEMI) Application Form & Application Procedure/Policy.

Therefore, if your students are planning to apply for KEMI Fall 2014 or future sessions of the program, they MUST use the new updated Application form and Application procedure that will be posted on our website.

www.kemi.org after January 1, 2014

The current Application Form will no longer be accepted.

Please let us know if you have any questions.
Nineteen interns were selected to participate in the Kentucky Equine Management Internship (KEMI) program for the Fall 2013 session.

The Fall 2013 session began with the traditional KEMI Orientation Week—a week of touring several Central Kentucky Thoroughbred farms, veterinary clinics, rehabilitation and retirement centers and racetracks—intended to bring all of the interns up-to-date on the vast Thoroughbred industry in the Central Kentucky area. During the Orientation Week, the interns were the guests of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association/Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association, Fasig-Tipton Sales Company, Bluegrass Equine Center, the Thoroughbred Training Center, McPeek Racing/Magdalena Farm, Dixiana Farm, Juddmonte Farms, Lane’s End Farm, Margaux Farm, Shawnee Farm, Three Chimneys Farm, Farmers Feed Mill/Hallway Feeds, Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, Keeneland Racetrack and Churchill Downs Racetrack. They finished up the week with an afternoon of racing at Ellis Park Racetrack.

After completing the Orientation Week, the interns began their formal 22-week internship on the area Thoroughbred farms where they are working primarily with the yearlings, weanlings and broodmares that will be taken to the Thoroughbred auctions this fall. Their daily routine consists of caring for these horses: cleaning stalls, feeding, grooming, etc. On a few of the host farms, interns are also involved in starting young horses under saddle. In addition to the daily work on the farms, the interns attend a series of lectures each week that focus on topics of interest to the equine industry and to Thoroughbred racing and are presented by leading equine professionals. The interns also attend the monthly meetings of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Farm Managers Club (KTFMC). These weekly lectures and monthly meetings provide numerous opportunities for the KEMI interns to network and refine their career goals.

Host farms for the Fall 2013 interns are: Ashford Stud, Darby Dan Farm, Denali Stud, Dixiana Farm, Indian Creek Farm, Juddmonte Farms, Lane’s End Farm, Lane’s End/Oak Tree Division, Margaux Farm, Monticule Farm, Pin Oak Stud, Shawhan Place, Stone Farm and Trackside Farm.

KEMI offers two internship sessions each year. The Spring session (January-June) provides opportunities for interns to work with and learn about mares, foals and reproduction. The Fall session (July-December) allows interns to work with sales yearlings, mares and weanlings. Applications for either KEMI session as well as more information about the program can be found on the KEMI website (www.kemi.org). You can now also follow KEMI on Facebook!

To date, KEMI has provided internship opportunities to more than 600 interns from all 50 states and 18 foreign countries. Many of the KEMI graduates are now employed in the equine industry in Kentucky and throughout the world. They have found these positions through the contacts they made while enrolled in the KEMI program.

KEMI is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation and is funded through generous donations from Central Kentucky Farms, the Kentucky Thoroughbred Farm Managers Club, Thoroughbred Charities of America, other businesses and foundations and individual donors. All contributions are tax deductible.

Questions about the KEMI program or about making a donation to KEMI should be forwarded to the Program Coordinator.
**Natalia Banasiak**  
*University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*  
*Pin Oak Stud*  

Natalia lives in South Africa and recently received a postgraduate degree in Ecology from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. She is a returning intern from the Spring 2013 session. Her primary interest is in creating a more durable racehorse through breeding and training practices that are based on modern physiological science. “I hope to continue working in the racing industry when I go home and the KEMI program has been a wonderful stepping stone into the industry.”

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**Bryan Barnhart**  
*University of Louisville*  
*Indian Creek Farm*  

A native of Evansville, Indiana and now a proud Kentucky resident after being stationed at Fort Knox since 2008, Bryan is an engineering graduate from Purdue University and a decorated former Army Infantry Captain. Currently completing his certification in Equine Business from the University of Louisville’s Equine Industry Program, Bryan’s passion for Thoroughbred racing and equine activities has led to his professional career transition, and he looks forward to making a positive impact within central Kentucky’s breeding and racing industry.

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**Amber Bray**  
*University of Waterloo-Ontario, Canada*  
*Margaux Farm*  

Originally from Ontario, Canada, Amber recently graduated from the University of Waterloo with a degree in Recreation and Sports Business. She has been involved with horses since a young age. Working yearling sales in Canada and Kentucky sparked an interest in racing and Amber came to Kentucky in hope of expanding her knowledge of the Thoroughbred industry. The experience so far has offered many learning opportunities with horses in training and injury treatment.

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**Karen Bublitz**  
*University of Wisconsin-Platteville*  
*Shawhan Place*  

Karen graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in December 2012, with a Bachelor’s Degree in Animal Science. Upon her arrival here to Kentucky for the Spring 2013 KEMI session, Karen knew right away this was where she needed to be. This experience has taught Karen that there are many opportunities in the Thoroughbred industry and she can’t wait to further her knowledge!
Fatima Champagne  
Judson College  
Dixiana Farm

Fatima was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Other than occasional trail rides, she didn’t grow up with equine experience. However, she knew it was a field she unquestionably wanted to pursue. Fatima graduated from Judson College with a Bachelor’s Degree in Equine Studies as well as a degree in Psychology. She chose the KEMI program for the experience it would provide her with, as well as the great resources and vast networking that would be available to her. In addition to the hands-on experience, KEMI has allowed her to explore different sectors within the Thoroughbred industry.

Lauren Eisemann  
Ohio State University  
Juddmonte Farms

Lauren graduated from Ohio State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Animal Sciences in May 2013. She grew up working with horses and has always enjoyed following Thoroughbred racing. Lauren has most recently worked with the training and breeding of Quarter Horses through the Ohio State Equine Program and a previous internship at the Four Sixes Ranch in Texas. She enrolled in the KEMI program to learn about the many aspects of the Thoroughbred industry and gain hands on experience.

Taylor Faccio  
University of Vermont  
Denali Stud

Taylor is from Strafford, Vermont and is a Senior at the University of Vermont where she is studying Animal Science/Equine Management. Taylor has been around horses her entire life and grew up competing in three day eventing. Taylor came to Kentucky to learn more about the Thoroughbred industry because she is very interested in retraining off-the-track Thoroughbreds and helping to provide second careers for racehorses. Taylor hopes to have a career in training or management, specifically in the sport horse world and would love for the Thoroughbred industry to be incorporated into that.

Colleen Felton  
University of Massachusetts-Amherst  
Juddmonte Farms

Colleen grew up just outside Boston, riding hunter jumpers. She has loved horses all her life and has been riding for twelve years. She is a recent college graduate from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts - Amherst with an Associate of Science Degree in Equine Management. She has already had the opportunity to learn how to start yearling Thoroughbreds under saddle and is learning many new things about the Thoroughbred Industry.
William Franz
University of Miami-Ohio
Ashford Stud

William is from St. Louis, Missouri and graduated in 2012 from Miami University (Ohio) with a degree in Psychology. He developed a late passion for the Thoroughbred industry during his senior year and came to work at Ashford Stud immediately following his college education. William arrived at Ashford with little knowledge and no horse experience, but over the past year he has gained much experience in all aspects of the industry. He has assisted with foalings, worked in the breeding shed, prepped weanlings and yearlings for sales, and much more.

Lucinda Gillespie
California State University-Fresno
Monticule Farm

Lucinda grew up in Fresno, California where she found her love of horses. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science with a specialization in Equine at California State University Fresno and worked at the Fresno State Quarter Horse Unit. Lucinda completed the Spring 2013 session of KEMI and decided to return for the Fall session to work with sales yearlings and to learn about the sales side of the industry. She plans to stay in Kentucky and continue to work in the Thoroughbred industry.

Luke Gilbert
University of Queensland, Australia
Stone Farm

Luke Gilbert was born and lives in Brisbane, Australia. He is a returning KEMI Intern and decided to stay in Kentucky to broaden his knowledge of the Equine Industry and specifically the yearling season. He is a current second year student at the University of Queensland, Gatton Campus and would love a future career in the Equine Industry.

Juliana Gomes
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Margaux Farm

Juliana is from Fresno, California and is a recent graduate of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Science, a minor in Equine Science, and concentrations in Agricultural Communications and Animal Science. For more than 10 years Juliana has worked in a myriad of disciplines, from re-training retired racehorses, to competing on her collegiate dressage team, to prepping and showing yearlings for the California sales. Juliana plans to use both her skills and experiences to achieve her goal of becoming a Thoroughbred farm manager.
Megan Guilliams  
*Murray State University*  
*Darby Dan Farm*

Megan was born and raised on a farm in Southeastern Missouri. She graduated from Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with an Equine Management emphasis in December 2012. Having completed the Spring 2013 session at VinMar Farm, Megan decided to continue with the program through the fall. She has loved and admired horses since she was young and has always wanted to work with Thoroughbreds. She plans to go back to school and obtain her Master’s Degree and then follow her dream of becoming a racehorse trainer and breeder.

Leah Jones  
*Cal Poly San Luis Obispo*  
*Trackside Farm*

Leah grew up riding Hunter/Jumpers in California before graduating from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo with a Bachelor’s Degree in Animal Science in 2012. During her time in college, she joined and later managed the Thoroughbred Enterprise, which bred, raised, and sold Cal Poly’s Thoroughbred herd. She was also active in the Quarter Horse Enterprise, breaking and selling reining cow horses, and in the Sigma Alpha Sorority for Professional Women in Agriculture. After graduation, she worked for a year at Rancho San Miguel Thoroughbred Farm in California doing sales prep. After KEMI, she hopes to stay in the Thoroughbred industry and continue to learn all she can.

Kelsey Herman  
*Yakima Valley Community College*  
*Lane’s End/Oak Tree Division*

Kelsey is a returning KEMI intern from Yakima Valley Community College in Washington, where she attended a Veterinary Technician program. Born and raised in the beautiful Columbia Gorge, she has had a strong passion for horses that continued to strengthen through years of College Equestrian Team and Rodeo. Originally a communications major, she found her true passion for veterinary work after a few years of experience working in the field as a veterinary assistant. She hopes that coming to Kentucky will to broaden her knowledge of the Thoroughbred industry, and increase her familiarity with the equine sports medicine and rehabilitation world. After the internship her goals are to attend the University of Kentucky where she will pursue a Bachelor’s Degree in Animal Science in hopes of continuing on to Veterinary School.

Elisabeth Sawlesky  
*Post University*  
*Pin Oak Stud*

Elisabeth is from Massachusetts and recently graduated from Connecticut’s Post University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Equine Business Management with a concentration in Equine Veterinary Assisting. While in college she was the Captain of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Team, President of the Equine Club and member of Empowering Peers Inspiring Community group. She was inspired to come to Kentucky after adopting several retired Thoroughbreds. She hopes that the KEMI experience will broaden her understanding of the Thoroughbred Industry.
Katie Springer  
*West Virginia University*  
*Monticule Farm*

Katie is currently pursuing a degree in Animal and Nutritional Sciences, with a Minor in Equine Management and Training. Her family has raised horses for generations, and the same passion for horses has been instilled into her. Katie has ridden mainly in rodeo type events, and had some Thoroughbred racing experience before arriving in Kentucky. Although she loves ranch style horses, she wanted to gain more experience in the Thoroughbred industry.

Leigh Ann Stead  
*University of Delaware*  
*Denali Stud*

Leigh Ann Stead is a Senior at the University of Delaware studying Food and Agribusiness Marketing and Management. She grew up in Newark, Delaware. She began riding at Fair Hill Stables when she was a child and later began to give riding lessons and guided trail rides. She started working with Thoroughbreds at age 17 at a breeding farm in Pennsylvania and has spent the past three summers at the Fair Hill Training Center. After graduation she plans to stay in the Thoroughbred industry and pursue a career in Equine Therapy.

Xueli (Shirley) Wang  
*Nanjing Agricultural University-China*  
*Lane’s End Farm*

Xueli Wang graduated from Nanjing Agricultural University in China with a Bachelor’s Degree in Veterinary Medicine in 2012. With great enthusiasm for the Thoroughbred industry she came to Kentucky to attend the KEMI program. She has a dream to be involved in the Chinese horse industry with the knowledge she has gained from the KEMI program.
Scholarship Winners

Spring 2013

The Kentucky Thoroughbred Farm Managers Club (KTFMC) Management Award was given to Jessica Kysar from New Mexico State, an intern at Oak Tree Farm.

The Michelle Fuerniss Scholarship was awarded to Karen Bublitz from Wisconsin-Platteville, an intern at Shawhan Place.

Congratulations Jessica and Karen!

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