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PROJECT: The studio will design a new school of veterinary medicine located on the Oregon State University campus. This studio will tackle the physical complexities inherent in the mission of land-grant teaching hospitals of veterinary medicine.

BACKGROUND: Presently, there are 26 teaching hospitals of veterinary medicine in the United States. Most are situated at land-grant universities such as OSU. OSU received the charter as the state’s agricultural college in 1868 allowing it to receive funding from the federal government as provided by the Morrill Act of 1862. This act funded the establishment of land-grant universities to provide practical knowledge in agriculture, military tactics, engineering, and home economics. Fifteen years later, the Hatch Act established agricultural experiment stations; and the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, provided funding to establish educational outreach (extension services) to citizens of the states.

THE DESIGN: The process will require intensive site and program development to accommodate the multiple missions: providing academic and practical education of future doctors; on-going research by faculty and PhD candidates; providing health maintenance and care to sick and injured animals; and serving practitioners and the public.

The scope of the project will require group and individually produced design products. The complex of buildings will make a campus (compound) within the larger campus. The goal is to design a compound of buildings that house teaching, research and the most advanced medical facilities for the treatment of large and small animals. Attention to LEED/sustainable design practices will be incorporated.

The studio will receive assistance from SRG Architects, the firm responsible for the design of the most recent remodel and addition to Magruder Hall and the new large animal building for the OSU School of Veterinary Medicine. Students will be required to take fieldtrips to Corvallis and possibly one mid-term review in Portland.