

ACVM/Merck Animal Health Veterinary Graduate Student Research Scholarship

Scholarship

The aim of this scholarship is to promote research into companion animal (canine, feline, or equine) infectious disease, immunology, or parasitology, and to encourage veterinary graduate students and veterinary students to pursue these fields of study. The selected candidate will receive a grant of up to \$15,000 to conduct their research.

Application and Selection Criteria

Applicants must be pursuing a MS or PhD degree. In addition, applicants must hold a veterinary degree (DVM or equivalent). The research may be conducted in a host university or academic institution of their choice in the United States.

Applications will be judged based on the quality of the research proposal and the project's potential value and impact on companion animal infectious disease, immunology, and/or parasitology. ACVM Graduate Student Awards Committee and Merck Animal Health representatives will make the selection.

The successful candidate will be expected to present their findings at CRWAD conference (travel and registration will be covered). Applicant would also be expected to present their findings remotely or in-person (depending on circumstances) to Merck Animal Health and ACVM representatives. Publication is expected.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must select a principal supervisor before applying. Each application should include:

- Research proposal in a grant proposal format. Page limit is 5 pages and should include the following: objectives, background, hypothesis, methods (justification of the sample size is an appropriate part of the methods; for funded projects using live animals, evidence of IACUC approval will be necessary to receive funding), budget with budget justification, expected results (show how the expected findings will fulfill the research objectives), and a brief description of future clinical applications or research directions the completed project could lead to.
- Curricula Vitae of student applicant and principal supervisor
- Work must be completed within 48 months of receipt of funding
- The ability to commit to at least 12 weeks at the research institution
- Letter of support from the principal supervisor

Proposals must be received by October 1, 2022, at ACVM Secretary (info@acvm.us). Applicants will be informed of the results of the proposal review by 30 days after the proposal due date. One proposal will be funded annually. Merck Animal Health will make the award to the institution where the research will be conducted.