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**Morris Animal Foundation-Lichter Charity for Dogs
Veterinary Student Canine Externship Award**

General Information and Application Guidelines

Purpose

Morris Animal Foundation and Richard Lichter Charity for Dogs are pleased to announce our Veterinary Student Canine Externship Award. Morris Animal Foundation invests in science and *people* to advance the health and well-being of animals. Veterinary students are the future of animal health, and Morris Animal Foundation believes investing in their skill and leadership development is critical to advancing veterinary medicine.

Applications are invited from third-year veterinary students to dream big for their fourth-year externship experience. Competitive submissions are invited from applicants who: 1) demonstrate leadership and promise in impacting canine health and welfare; and 2) have thoughtfully researched an externship that aligns with their goals and will enhance their ability to move canine health forward. Financial support will be provided to offset costs of participating in the externship, allowing students to choose the most impactful externship opportunity for their career.

Externship Areas of Excellence

One \$5,000 externship award will be granted in each of the following three areas of excellence:

1. Development of a promising career in canine health **research**
2. **Leadership** skill development for the betterment of canine health and welfare
3. **Experience** that will advance canine shelter medicine

Candidate Eligibility and Criteria

1. Eligible applicants will be in their 3rd year of veterinary school with a clear focus area of canine health
2. Competitive applicants will have demonstrated initiative, leadership and dedication to advancing canine medicine through excellence and interest in one or more of above areas
3. Applicants will submit a description of their proposed externship clearly outlining how their participation will build their skills and ability to advance the well-being of dogs

How to Apply

Morris Animal Foundation (MAF) grant applications have two components: an online form and a full proposal attachment. To successfully submit an application:

1. [Complete the online form](#)
2. Attach the full proposal document to your online application (this option will be available on the last page of the online application). The full proposal must be converted to a single PDF document that includes **all of the following items**:



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- One-page (single-spaced) essay describing your commitment to advancing canine health specific to the area of excellence you are applying
- One-page (single-spaced) description of the externship opportunity and how participation will help you build the skills necessary to move canine health forward
- Documentation from your institution that you are in good academic standing, the externship meets institutional requirements, and you are eligible for the outlined externship*
 - * Acceptance to the externship is not required at the time of submission
- Two letters of recommendation documenting your strength and career potential in the selected area(s) of excellence - one from a faculty member at your institution and one from a professional who can speak to your accomplishments and potential in the selected area(s) of excellence
- Resume/CV
- Copy of academic transcript

ATTENTION: Once your online application and full proposal attachment are submitted, they cannot be changed. Please review carefully before clicking "Submit." All applications must be submitted by Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 11:59PM EST.

Awardees will be notified by March 31, 2017. All awardees are strongly encouraged to attend the presentation of the awards at the Morris Animal Foundation Annual Meeting in June 2017, Denver, Colorado. All travel expenses (flight, hotel, transportation, meals) will be covered by the Richard Lichter Charity for Dogs.